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THE FINANCIAL QUESTION.

RESULTS OF YESTERDAY'S LEGISLATION IN THE SENATE—MR. WHEELER, OF NEW-YORK, AND THE LOUISVILLE CANAL BILL — FINANCIAL DEBATE IN THE HOUSE.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

WASHINGTON, March 31.—It is now expected that the Senate will take final action on the Finance bill to-morrow. Still this expectation may be disappointed. Every proposition looking to a contraction in the future, or to any method for hereafter reducing the volume of the currency, which the first section of the bill and the free banking provisions would set afloat, has been voted down. On striking out the fourth section of the bill the majority was but two. The essential feature of this section must be generally known by this time, and is the provision for withdrawing greenbacks to the amount of seventy per cent. of the additional issues of national bank notes till the greenback circulation shall be reduced to $300,000,000. Encouraged by their success to-day, the inflationists have made an informal agreement among themselves that they will sustain in the Senate the first section of the bill, which provides for $400,000,000 of greenbacks, and a section which shall allow all the States in the Union to receive the same proportion of national bank notes which the State of Maine now holds. The committee's bill, as reported to the Senate, took New-York as the basis of distribution. The difference between the distribution on the basis of bank circulation in New-York and Maine is very great. From rough estimates the committee's bill would probably authorize an increase of $50,000,000 or $75,000,000 of national notes. The excess over a legal pro rata in Maine is much greater than in New-York, and the amendment which the inflationists have agreed to carry would probaby authorize the issue of near $300,000,000 of national bank notes. This practically removes all restrictions as to amount. The inflationists have also agreed as a part of their scheme that the bill to be passed shall contain no provision for the redemption of bank notes beyond that which exists in the present law. Stated briefly, the proposed bill provides that there shall be $400,000,000 of United States notes, and that every State in the Union may have as much national bank circulation, on the basis of wealth and population, as provided by the present law, as the State of Maine now holds.

THE SOUTH CAROLINA TAX-PAYERS.

The South Carolina tax-payers' dispute was brought into the House to-day by the presentation of a petition by Mr. Dawes on their behalf. Considerable heat was manifested by several members at the introduction of the petition. Mr. Randall thought that it was no part of the business of Congress to interfere in the affairs of States, and Mr. Dawes himself did not recommend any specific action, but thought it proper to receive the petition. This was finally done, and it was referred to the Ways and Means Committee.

THE LOUISVILLE AND PORTLAND CANAL.

Mr. Wheeler, of New-York, to-day added another to a long list of his parliamentary triumphs by the practical defeat of the Louisville and Portland Canal bill. It is very significant as indicating Mr. Wheeler's great skill in parliamentary tactics and force upon the floor that in the last four Congresses he has never lost a measure which he has especially championed. At the opening of the House to-day, the previous question having been ordered, Mr. Wheeler had the closing hour. He used it to most excellent advantage. He produced letters and documents, which were an apparent surprise to the House, showing that the State of Kentucky had treated the canal as a State work and assessed taxes upon it, and only last week suspended a suit against it for taxes, pending the action of Congress upon this bill. Mr. Wheeler's amendment, which provides that the Legislature of Kentucky shall formally cede jurisdiction to the United States before any of the bonds or interest shall be paid, was finally carried by 130 yeas to 95 nays. This vote is somewhat remarkable in view of the combinations which had been made upon the floor in favor of the bill, and is chiefly attributable to Mr. Wheeler's energy and skill. The Willard amendment was also adopted and the Senate bill, as thus amended, was passed. The bill in this shape substantially defeats the purposes of its friends, as it does not remove tonnage dues until the Kentucky Legislature can meet. The Legislature does not meet for two years.

THE FINANCIAL QUESTION IN THE HOUSE.

The financial discussion was resumed in the House. Mr. Hubbell favored the legalization of the $44,000,000 legal-tender reserve, the removal from the Secretary of the Treasury of the power to regulate the volume of the currency, and a redistribution of the bank circulation. He maintained that a liberal policy in the development of the industries of the country was the proper way to secure permanent resumption. Mr. Sherwood, of Ohio, opposed contraction as an injustice to the borrowing classes. He thought the injury to the credit class by the legal-tender issue was the inevitable result of the war, and he opposed any attempt at immediate specie resumption.

THE SUCCESSION TO JUDGE HALL IN NEW-YORK.

The very animated contest for the appointment of United States District Judge in New-York, to succeed Judge Hall, is now practically confined to three candidates—Churchill, of Oswego; James Forsythe, of Troy, and R. Holland Duell, Representative in Congress. The majority of the New-York delegation within that judicial district have signed a petition in favor of Duell.

Dispatch to the Associated Press.

NOMINATIONS.

The President sent the following nominations to the Senate to-day: Joshua G. Hall, to be elected United States Attorney for New-Hampshire; Alexander N. Wilson, to be Appraiser of Merchandise at Savannah, Ga.

ARMY AND NAVAL ORDERS.

Lieut. Commander Charles W. Kennedy is detached from the Coast Survey steamer Hassler, and ordered to return home and await orders; Master Henry O. Handy, from the Frolic, and granted leave of absence for three months; Assistant Engineer R. M. Huston from the Gasipee on the 15th of May next, and resignation accepted to take effect on that day. Lieut. H. B. Sarson, of the Second Infantry, Assistant Quartermaster, is ordered to relieve Second Lieut. A. McIntyre, of the Second Infantry; Acting Assistant Master in charge of the national cemeteries at Corinth, Miss., and Pittsburg Landing, Tenn.

TRANSPORTATION NOTICES.

The House Committee on Railways and Canals today heard an argument from Col. Thomas, of Dubuque, Iowa, in favor of Congress taking some action to furnish the West with cheap water communication. It also heard Mr. Lawton, of South Carolina, in advocacy of the passage of the bill granting a charter to the Great Western Cheap Transportation Company, which proposes to build a narrow-gauge railroad from Port Royal, S. C., to the Mississippi River.

THE HOWARD INVESTIGATION.

To-day was the sixteenth day of the Howard investigation. H. C. Harmon and Edgar C. Beman, Clerks in the Second Auditor's office, were examined. The former testified that there had come to the Second Auditors office between 20,000 and 30,000 complaints from white soldiers of bounties in arrears and not paid from the year 1866 to the present time, and about 3,000 complaints from colored soldiers. In illustration of the mistakes that were made in payment of dues, a case was given where the voucher receipting for the money was signed by a mark, and the letter of complaint from the soldier to whom the money rightfully belonged, subsequently written, was signed by himself, with his full name. Mr. Beman testified as to the great difficulties often experienced in identifying the claimants.

LEGAL VALUE OF THE THALER AND FLORIN.

The Attorney General has given an opinion that, as the value of a thaler and florin was not estimated in the proclamation of the Secretary of the Treasury, issued on the 1st of January last, under the act of March 3, 1873, it cannot now be estimated until the 1st of next January, and that their value in the meantime will be as fixed by law prior to said act.

MRS. GAINES' CLAIMS AGAIN.

Ex-Senator Foote and Judge Paschal, of Texas, made argument before the House Committee on Private Land Claims, to-day, in support of the claim of Mrs. Myra Clark Gaines, to certain lands in Louisiana.

CLAIM FOR COMPENSATION.

The House Naval Committee this morning heard W. H. Ward, of New-York, in support of his claim for compensation by the Government for the use of his invention for casting shells.

THE NEW-HAMPSHIRE UNITED STATES ATTORNEYSHIP.

The nomination of Joshua G. Hall to be United States Attorney for New-Hampshire, was preceded to-day by a message from the President to the Senate, withdrawing the nomination of Henry P. Rolfe, recently sent in for the same office.

SPIRITS IN BOND.

The Senate Finance Committee to-day had under consideration the House bill relating to the transportation of distilled spirits in bond, but did not reach action upon it.

SNOW-STORM.

A heavy fall of snow, accompanied by rain, commenced here this morning. The snow melted as it reached the ground.

THE MASSACHUSETTS SENATORSHIP.

THE DEADLOCK CONTINUED—NO APPARENT WAY OUT OF THE DIFFICULTY.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

BOSTON, March 31.—For some reason or other not clearly understood by any one, there was a general belief that to-day's ballot in the joint convention of the Legislature for United States Senator, would show some radical and significant change, and the lobbies and galleries at the State-house were again crowded with politicians and citizens; but the result was pretty much as heretofore, and the deadlock continues. The Dawes men went into the convention with more expressive hope than on any previous day, but their candidate only scored 95, one better than on Friday, when his highest vote of last week was reached. Hoar's vote showed a loss of only four from his highest point, and Curtis gained two on the 74 with which he began the battle. The ballot of to-day aggregated 274 votes, and was the largest yet taken. This was due to the return of absentees, one of the two votes which have been thrown for Banks went back to-day for Curtis, and that thrown yesterday for Amasa Walker went to Dawes. The belief that no election can ever be effected of either of the three leading candidates is strengthening daily, but still their friends stick, and the fight of the factions is growing more and more disreputable. This morning, before the meeting, circulars were distributed about the State House reflective on the course of Mr. Dawes relative to the Credit Mobilier swindle, the salary grab, and the Butler-Simmons imbroglio, and with these copies of the address of the friends of Mr. Hoar, printed in the papers this morning. Those who are desirous of an end to the contest are working in a quiet way for a compromise candidate, but the difficulty is to find the man who will unite a majority. Banks continues to vote for Whittier, to avoid complications, in the hope that he may be selected; but his chances do not appear to be so fair as earlier in the contest. There is something heard of Judge Cott, of Pittsfield, something of Washburne and a little of Adams There are a very few Republicans who talk favorably of uniting with the Democrats on Curtis, but this finds little encouragement. The Dawes men are dining together at one of the hotels to-night, and the Hoar men at another, in the hope that over the wine and cigars they may be able to settle the question which is so difficult of settlement in the Legislative hall.

THE DISTRICT INVESTIGATION.

Dispatch to the Associated Press.

WASHINGTON, March 31.—In the District of Columbia investigation this morning several witnesses were called as to the measurements of improvements made by the Board of Public Works. Samuel Strong testified in relation to his several contracts under the board, particularly with reference to his sewers. The witness signed all his contracts before the work was done, and was not yet settled with for his work.

Col. Ordway, Sergeant at Arms of the House of Representatives, testified that he had had sodding done at twenty-five cents a yard. In reply to a question by Mr. Christie, counsel for the memorialists, the witness stated that F. Smith, heretofore referred to in connection with Colton's wood-fence contracts, had recently told him that he was still connected with the House of Representatives as official reporter. In response to an inquiry by Mr. Mattingly, counsel for the Board of Public Works, witness stated that he is an officer of the House of Representatives, and has always been engaged in outside operations of considerable magnitude, and is now one of the Directors of the Centre Market Company in this city.

Capt. A. Grant was sworn for the memorialists, and stated that he would prefer not to testify until he had completed certain estimates and calculations with reference to the operations of the Board of Public Works; that he did not feel able to do justice to the Board of the District of Columbia without these data.

Senator Allison, Chairman, said he did not think the committee ought to wait for Capt. Grant to make calculations, and the committee decided to go on with his testimony during the afternoon session.

STRIKE IN A HOSIERY MILL AT WALTHAM.

BOSTON, March 31.—About 500 of the operatives in the hosiery mill and bleachery of the Boston Manufacturing Company, in Waltham, have struck for ten per cent. advance on their wages. There is much excitement in Waltham, and it is generally believed that the company will not accede to the demands. In the hosiery department but few girls are left, and of the bleachery hands only a small number are at work. The whole number in the employ of the company is about 1,200.

KILLED BY A TOMBSTONE.

BOSTON, March 31.—Thomas Carr, a wealthy old gentleman, was killed yesterday in the Catholic cemetery in Dorchester by a head-stone falling upon him. He had recently lost three children by death, and was removing the head-stone preparatory to erecting a monument over them.

SHOOTING AFFRAY.

CINCINNATI, Ohio, March 31.—The notorious Tom McGehan was shot in the head in Hamilton, Ohio, last night, it is supposed, by John Keehler. They were both drunk at the time, and the reason for the shooting does not appear. McGehan's wound is not fatal. It will be remembered that C. L. Vallandingham lost his life while acting as McGehan's lawyer in his trial for murder.

ALBANY.

A BUSY DAY IN THE SENATE.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

ALBANY, March 31.—The Senate this morning spent the entire session in the consideration of bills on their final passage, and worked so harmoniously that no less than fifty-four acts of minor and local importance were disposed of.

THE CUSTODY OF INSANE PERSONS.

Senator Wood introduced a bill of more than ordinary importance. It was prepared in accordance with a Senate resolution, at the suggestion of the Attorney General and the State Commissioner in Lunacy, and revises and codifies the statutes in relation to the care and custody of the persons and property of the insane, the management of asylums for their treatment and safe keeping, and the duties of the State Commissioner in Lunacy. A report accompanying the bill sets forth the necessity, which has long existed, of a thorough classification of the various laws in relation to lunatics. As the statutes are at present, search must be made through acts whose title scarcely prefigures their contents, for personal rights or judicial powers relating to the insane, and thus the peculiar status under which they are placed, or the various phases of civil obligation under which others are placed toward them, are not readily ascertainable. The occasional legislation had on the subject during the past eighty years has been allowed to rest in the various editions of the Revised Statutes. Changes in the Constitution, also, have rendered inoperative parts of acts which, nevertheless, are still to be found in the general statutes.

REPAVING STREETS IN NEW-YORK.

A bill introduced by Senator Gross, provides that the Commissioner of Public Works of the City of New-York be authorized and directed whenever he shall find any street, avenue, or public place now paved with wood to be in a rotten or dangerous condition, and detrimental to the public interest, to cause such pavement to be removed, and the Commissioner is authorized and directed in the manner provided by the charter to contract for the repaving with stone pavement of all such streets and avenues. The Commissioner is further directed to contract immediately for the repaving of such streets in the commercial portion of the City of New-York, and also thoroughfares leading toward the Central Park. All the wooden pavement in the City must be removed within three years after the passage of the act. The bill also authorizes the Controller to borrow, by the issue of assessment bonds, such sum as shall be necessary to pay all expenses incurred by such work, and in cases where assessments for wooden pavement has preceded the passage of the act, the same shall be cancelled by the Controller of the City.

The Assembly to-day continued the consideration of the Supply bill. A motion made by Mr. Miller to strike out the appropriation of $50,000 for the Saratoga Monument Association gave rise to quite a protracted debate, in which Messrs. Batcheller, Spencer, Waehner, and others participated. The motion to strike out was lost.

CONGRESS HALL DOOMED.

Mr. Vedder's motion directing the Commissioners of the Land Office to tear down Congress Hall during the coming Summer was adopted.

CAUCUS OF REPUBLICAN SENATORS ON EDUCATIONAL MATTERS.

At a caucus of Republican Senators held after the session this evening, the merits of the Assembly bill relating to the Superintendent of Public Instruction and the Regents of the University, was discussed at length. The Superintendent is now elected by a joint ballot of both Houses of the Legislature. The bill in question makes the office an appointive one, and gives the power of appointment to the Board of Regents of the University; it also stipulates that the Regents shall not hold office for a longer term than six years, and provides for a complete change in the board once in nine years. After a discussion of nearly an hour's duration, the Senators present decided to support the bill in its present shape. Senator Middleton was in the caucus, and will act with the Republicans in the matter.

SENATOR FOX'S EXCISE BILL.

The Senate Committee on Cities will to-morrow report in favor of Senator Fox's Excise bill, as instructed. The bill provided that the salary of an Excise Commissioner in New-York City shall not exceed $5,000 per annum, and all excise moneys in excess of expenses shall be dedicated to some deserving charity by the Board of Aldermen. This was amended by the Committee, and the power given to a majority of the Board of Apportionment. The bill will be so reported.

THE BROOKLYN BRIDGE BILL.

The Senate Committee on Commerce and Navigation will consider the Brooklyn Bridge bill to-morrow. It provides for the appointment of nineteen Directors, seven to be appointed by the Mayor of New-York, seven by the Mayor or Brooklyn, and the other five by stockholders representing a capital of $350,000. It is understood that Mayor Havemeyer opposes the bill, and that Mayor Hunter is in favor of it.

A HEARING ON THE LUNACY BILL.

The Judiciary Committee this afternoon gave a hearing to John Ordronaux, State Commissioner of Lunacy, who spoke at length in explanation of the bill codifying the Lunacy laws, and introduced by Senator Wood to-day. The bill will probably be favorably reported during the coming week.

THE SWINBURNE GRATUITY IN THE SUPPLY BILL.

This evening, in the House, Mr. C. S. Spencer moved to insert $90,000 to reimburse Dr. John Swinburne for expenses incurred by him while Health Officer of the Port of New-York; and Mr. Beebe moved to go into Committee of the Whole again on the bill, which was lost. The question was then taken on Mr. Spencer's motion, and it was carried, 55 to 38, by the following vote:

YEAS—Messrs. Abeel, Alberger, Beecher, Blessing, Bulkley, Coffey, Carpenter, Dickson, Donahue, Ely, Foote, Goss, Griffin, Gurnee, Hanrahan, Hardy, Hazleton, Healey, Herrick, Hiller, Hoag, Holden, Houghton, Hussey, Kirk, Kshinka, Landfield, Lawrence, Leake, Lincoln, Manley, Melvin, Murray, Nice, Oakley, Patten, Petty, Philpot, Ryan, Scherman, Schifferdecker, Shattuck, Simon, J. W. Smith, Snyder, C. S. Spencer, G. W. Spencer, Taylor, Thorp, Townsend, Vedder, Witbeck, Winfield, C. B. Wood, F. Woods—55.

NAYS—Messrs. Allen, Alvord, Badger, Barrow, Bassett, Batcheller, Beebe, Bostwick, Braman, Brewer, Chadwick, Clark, Colahan, Comstock, Daly, Davis, Deane, Denniston, Farrar, Fish, Hammond, Johnson, Lynde, McAfee, W. Miller, Phillips, S. G. Pope, Prince, Sanford, Sherwood, Sloan, H. Smith, Sullivan, Sunderlin, Waehner, Wagstaff, Weed, Whalen—38.

Mr. Spencer then moved to insert $500 to S. P. Allen, Assistant Clerk, which was adopted, and the bill was ordered to a third reading.

TAX FOR THE NEW WORK ON THE CANALS.

Mr. Alberger, from the Canal Committee, reported a bill authorizing a mill tax for the new work on canals.

TAXATION OF BONDS AND MORTGAGES.

The bill to exempt bonds and mortgages from taxation was reported adversely. Mr. Alberger moved to disagree which was lost, and he then moved to send the bill to Committee of the Whole.

Mr. Waehner opposed the report. He said there was another class besides farmers and money lenders, a class which had built up and made the great City of New-York what it is. He was sent there by his constituents expressly to make an effort to obliterate this obnoxious law. He then showed how capital had been driven from the State to adjoining States, where a more liberal policy is pursued. Mr. Beebe thought the bill ought to go to the Committee of the Whole, where it could be discussed. Gentlemen here, he said, could sit in their seats and vote away $90,000 of the peoples' money, a sum larger than all the taxes on bonds and mortgages amount to, and yet they cannot give this great question any discussion. After further debate Mr. Oakley moved the previous question on Mr. Alberger's motion; and it was ordered, when the motion to commit the bill to the Committee of the Whole was lost, 51 to 57. The question was then on agreeing with the adverse report of the committee, and it was agreed to, so the bill was rejected, 55 to 35.

THE BEACH PNEUMATIC TUBE.

Mr. Deane moved that the Beach Pneumatic Railroad bill be recommitted to the Railroad Committee. Carried.

THE NEW-YORK HOSPITAL.

Mr. Healy introduced the following resolution:

Whereas, By the aid of the Legislature and contributions from humane citizens, the New-York Hospital was enabled to erect buildings for the care of the sick and maimed; and, whereas, the said buildings have been taken down and the land leased or sold, to be used for other purposes, and from which the hospital is in receipt of an immense annual revenue, out of which the managers gave the public to understand new buildings for hospital purposes would be erected, but that they have neglected to erect any such buildings or to furnish the required accommodations for the sick and maimed; therefore,

Resolved, That the Committee on State Charitable Institutions investigate the matter and report to the Legislature what action is necessary in the premises.

Laid over under the rule.

THE NEW-YORK CORPORATION COUNSEL.

A resolution offered by Mr. Ryan that the Corporation Counsel of New-York, within ten days, report all suits he has had charge of, and the amount of fees paid out, was adopted.

THE HARLEM RAILROAD BILL.

Senator Gross' bill for the reduction of fares and freights over the Harlem Railroad will be considered on Thursday afternoon before the Railroad Committee.

THE VESEY STREET RAILROAD BILL.

In the Senate, when the Vesey Street Railroad bill was called up for a third reading, Mr. Gross moved that the bill lay over for the present. A bill had been introduced by the Senator from the Seventh District, (Mr. Ledwith,) providing that all these franchises shall be put up at auction, and the franchise given to the highest bidder. Until that bill was acted upon he could not vote for any bill. Mr. Fox replied that the route of the proposed road was a very short one, and that many thousand people in the lower part of the City asked the passage of this bill, as it was but three cents over the entire road. The bill was laid aside.

THE NEW CAPITOL INVESTIGATION.

The investigation into the affairs of the new Capitol was continued before the Finance Committee of the Senate this afternoon. Architect Fuller was sworn and examined by V. R. Hinman, of counsel for the people. Mr. Fuller testified that the plan under which the contract for stone was made was a most costly plan. The inverted arch provided for in the plan was abandoned after the contract was let. He had no reason to believe that the inverted arch and air-cells frightened away bidders. The granite came very irregularly, causing great expense in the moving of the heavy apparatus about for the laying of stones. He would not have allowed such irregularity if it was his own private work. The stones could have been set for one-half less if delivered regularly. The Commissioners complained of the irregularity, and endeavored to stop it without success. This irregularity continued for two seasons. The Yarmouth Quarry delivered a large number of unsound stones, which were put into the walls before their nature was discovered. The average bid for limestone was $17 50.

THE CASE OF RIEL IN THE CANADIAN PARLIAMENT.

OTTAWA, Canada, March 31.—In the House of Commons this afternoon, Attorney General Clarke, of Manitoba, though ill, attended at the bar of the House and was examined by Mr. Mackenzie Bowell. He identified Riel's handwriting on the member's roll; testified that an indictment had been found against him in the Manitoba Court of Queen's Bench, and produced the warrant issued therein. An order was made that Policeman McVietty attend at the bar to-morrow with the warrant issued in Ottawa. An order was also made that Louis Riel attend in his place in the House to-morrow. If Riel appear he will be arrested. If he do not, his absence will be taken as *prima facie* evidence that he is a fugitive from justice, and, following the English precedent, a motion will be made to expel him from the House. He is said to be still in the city.

CALIFORNIA.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 31.—The confirmation of Col. Coey as Postmaster in this city, gives general satisfaction here.

The California Legislature adjourned *sine die* at midnight last night.

The Transportation Commissioners bill was defeated; also, the bill relative to the election of United States Senators by the people.

A RAILROAD ACCIDENT.

POUGHKEEPSIE, N. Y., March 31.—Six loaded freight cars of the way freight and passenger train on the Dutchess and Columbia Railroad tumbled down thirty feet through the Glenham Bridge into the creek below, this afternoon. The damage to the bridge and the cars is about $10,000. Nobody was hurt. The passengers and baggage are transferred.

RESIGNATION OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE GRAND TRUNK RAILROAD OF CANADA.

MONTREAL, Canada, March 31.—Mr. C. J. Brydges, Managing Director of the Grand Trunk Railroad of Canada, has resigned his position, which he has held for twelve years. He urged this upon the Directors two years ago, but they would not accept it. He will continue to conduct the affairs of the company until a new administration is determined upon, and will attend to the company's bill now before the Canadian Parliament.

THE NEWFOUNDLAND SEAL FISHERY.

ST. JOHNS, N. F., March. 31.—The sealing vessels which have arrived at St. Johns to date, are the brig Havelock, with 2,000 seals on board; the steamers Eagle, with 23,000; Commodore, with 1,800; Hawk, (disabled,) with 4,000, and Wolf, with 14,000.

THE MAINE ICE CROP.

BATH, Me., March 31.—The ice in the Upper Kennebec is all adrift, and has been passing this city all day. About 750,000 tons of good solid ice has been stored along this river and its tributaries during the past Winter, which is at least one-third more than the usual quantity.

HONORS TO THE LATE EX-PRESIDENT FILLMORE.

OSWEGO, N. Y., March 31.—Guns are being fired to-day every half hour at Fort Ontario in respect to the memory of the late Ex-President Fillmore.

ELECTION AT WHITE PLAINS, N. Y.

WHITE PLAINS, N. Y., March 31.—E. Horton, Republican, has been elected Supervisor by 125 majority; W. H. Cutter, Clerk, by 21 majority, and W. H. Huestis, Justice, by 22 majority.

LOCAL FIRES.

At 5 o'clock yesterday morning a fire, evidently the work of an incendiary, broke out in the two-story frame house No. 51 Throop avenue, Brooklyn, attended with damage amounting to $100. Officers who were on the ground state that the house was fired in two places. Yesterday the premises were sold at a Sheriff's sale. It is said that a colored woman named Catharine Bride, residing in the house, threatened to fire it in case the sale took place. She was arrested by Officer Schenewale, of the Sixth Sub-precinct.

A fire occurred at 7:30 o'clock last evening in the furniture store of Barnet & Kenney, No. 228 Hudson street, causing $2,500 damage to building and contents; insured in the People's and Stuyvesant Companies.

A window-curtain in a room on the third floor of No. 30 West Washington square, occupied by J. H. Chatman, ignited last evening from a burning gas-jet, causing $100 damage.

At 9 o'clock last evening a fire occurred on the fourth floor of No. 204 South street, occupied by John Henry, dealer in rags. Damage, $600.

At 10 P. M. a fire occurred in the frame stables in the rear of No. 918 Sixth avenue, occupied by John Rumpholst. Damage $50.

FRENCH GOSSIP.

A GRAND BALL—THE ORLEANS PRINCES.

From Our Own Correspondent.

PARIS, Friday, March 13, 1874.

Desirous of devoting my last letter almost entirely to poor Aimée Desclée, I omitted to speak of the grand ball given at the Tribunal of Commerce. The efforts made to amuse Paris, of late suffering from an attack of ennui, were only partially successful. The fête was grand and rather gaudy. The arrangements of the palace were not in the best of taste, and the immense crowd was so jammed together that personal enjoyment was out of the question. To crown all, rain fell just as the people were entering, and, getting wet, or having their head-dressings deranged by wraps and coverings, the ladies came in thoroughly out of humor, and with their temper spoiled for the evening. The present difficulty of such fêtes lies in choosing the guests. As a rough estimate, I should say there were twelve thousand persons in the city who must be invited under present conditions, and about ten thousand who are sure to come. But when this number of tickets are issued, there are always influential persons who get a hundred or so of the cards, and distribute them according to their own views. It thus happens that two or three thousand persons who ought not to receive cards are the first to have them, and the same number of persons who must be invited have to be provided for by a supplementary issue. This leads to an amount of overcrowding which makes everybody uncomfortable. Dancing is entirely out of the question, but one can crowd about a little to the strains of the music and get very much fatigued and very red in the face, by trying to steer a partner clear of accidents. The reception of the ticket was the greatest, if not the only pleasure connected with this ball, for anybody who is anybody would have been very wretched not to have had one. The poor, however, have reason to be satisfied. The subscriptions amounted to 160,000 francs, and the expenses were a little over 120,000 francs. Thus, a sum of about 40,000 francs was left for distribution among the various charities. In a political sense the ball is regarded as something of a failure, owing to the conduct of the Orleans Princes. From the moment he entered the Marshal was appropriated by them, and he was not allowed to escape during the evening. Every time he passed they formed a circle about him, in the most gracious manner in the world, and kept him in earnest conversation until he moved to another room. It is probably nothing but a bit of malice, but the saying is that they had arranged relays for the purpose—an easy thing, since they numbered about twenty—but it is certain that, owing to this circle of Orleans Princes, no Republican, Bonapartist, or Legitimist was able to converse with the Marshal during the evening. Some of the Republican journals attribute his weary look and early departure to his annoyance at this somewhat compromising procedure.

THE ORLEANS PRINCES.

Speaking of this reminds me that the recent successes of the Bonapartists have made the Orleans Princes feel the necessity of placing themselves a little more "in evidence," to use a French expression. Before the country the Orleanists have no chance at all, for they have never been able to elect a single candidate; but they have the larger portion of the present Assembly, and see that they must use it at once if at all. Every election brings in a Republican or a Bonapartist, and it will require but a very few more elections to destroy all their hopes of repeating the vote of the "221," which elected Louis Philippe. The first idea was to make the Duc D'Aumale Commander in Chief of the Army, and Lieutenant General of the—not Kingdom exactly, but of something which lacks a good name as yet. The best is that proposed by M. Guizot—*Stadthonderat*. This is about the nearest approach the French have to our word "Commonwealth," but the system of the Lowlands, or Netherlands, from which the word is borrowed, would scarcely admit the word Commonwealth in its English sense. But Marshal MacMahon had no idea of becoming President of a fleeting Republic, and of allowing the Duc D'Aumale to take the army off his hands, with the ultimate view of becoming Stadtholder. Having no hold upon the country, the D'Orleans can only succeed by a *coup* of this kind, made in a more or less legal manner. This combination having failed, another is under discussion. A Senate is proposed, and as, numerically speaking, the Orleanists in the present Assembly have the advantage, they hope to elect an Orleanist Senate, of which the Duc De Nemours shall be President. This body is to have the right of dissolution, and of replacing the President of the Republic in case of death or resignation. And once get an Orleanist Senate, it would be easy to make a law conferring the succession upon the President of the Senate. As this plan is a little too bold, it was put forward in a timid way, and with the suggestion that that stanch old Republican, M. Dufaure, should be made President of the Senate, and probable Vice President of the Republic (or Commonwealth, since the above term is never used.) The trick is too transparent, and will not be likely to succeed; but something must be done speedily, since every election brings a Republican or Bonapartist into the Chamber. One naturally asks why the people are not called upon for their opinion of this matter of Government. The reason is simply this: The Legitimists do not want an appeal to the people, because they would be left out of sight. The Bonapartists want a plebiscite, because that would surely result in their favor. The other two parties want to let things go on as they are. But the Republicans do not object to an appeal to the people by partial or general elections. That would insure their success as surely as taking the sense of the nation would result in a Bonapartist triumph. For example, the Republicans and the Conservatives are divided into three factions. Hence in these partial or even general elections for a new Assembly the Republican candidate would have three competitors, and, the Conservative vote being thus divided, the Republicans would win without any great amount of trouble. If I can impress this situation upon the minds of my readers it will enable them to explain many a curious fact seen in your daily telegrams. This is quite enough about our political jumble, at least for to-day, and I have but a word or so to add. The debates about the budget are still going on, and the Committee of Thirty is still working upon its law for the restitution of popular suffrage. I do not think there is a ghost of a chance for the adoption of this law.

THE ACADEMY AND M. OLLIVIER.

In the "Emile Ollivier affaire," the French Academy has shown itself really admirable. After all, as I think I have previously remarked, these men are the fine flowers of our intellectual world, and they have always known how to keep themselves above the common level. I must repeat myself a little in order to give a perfect understanding of this matter. M. Ollivier was elected a member of the Forty in 1870, and this made him *de facto* an Immortal, although certain formalities had to be complied with before he was admitted to the enjoyments of all his rights. Political events prevented him from presenting his discourse before the other day. He then begged the Academy to fix a day for hearing his discourse upon Lamartime, to whose chair he was elected, and for his public reception. Owing to a few words in praise of Napoleon III., personally, (the ostensible reason,) M. Guizot objected to the address, although the committee pronounced it worthy of the Academy. This constituted an acquired right which M. Ollivier could maintain in a suit at law, but the Academy had a right to adjourn the reception. There is no doubt about this right, but it was impolitic to use it. M. Guizot got his collegiates to adjourn the reception, and the addresses appeared in the journals with some very unfavorable comments upon the Academy. At the next meeting the Duc De Noailles said that, as the journals had occupied themselves with this incident, and had tried to interfere in the affairs of the Academy, he proposed that the matter should be dropped so long as the newspapers occupied themselves with it. This was adopted, and the Immortals went again to work upon letter "M" of the great dictionary. Other things then came to engross the attention of the journals—the grand ball, the funeral of Aimée Desclée, two new dramas, and the fête at Chiselhurst—and for three days nothing was said about the "incident Ollivier." It seemed already a part of ancient history when the Academy again revived it yesterday. I have been thus explicit because this is an event which may be talked about years hence, when my younger readers are old and gray, just as the case of Chateaubriand was talked about the other week.

A HAPPY DENOUEMENT.

But all's well that ends well, and the "incident Ollivier" has had a happy termination. Yesterday M. Patin announced that he had received a letter from M. Ollivier asking to be admitted to the enjoyment of his rights as an Academician, and proposed that this request should be accorded, and that the incident of the past week should be considered as *non avenu*, or as not having occurred. This was voted at once, and M. Ollivier was invited to seat himself in the chair left vacant since the death of Lamartine, and begin at once to discuss the letter "M." Since "this is thus," as A. Ward was accustomed to say, we have only to sum up the result of the recent struggle. On the whole, everyone has come out of it with honor. Lamartine has lost nothing, because the scandal caused made hundreds of journals eager to spread his praises about the world, and thousands of persons who always skip academic addresses, made a special point of reading these. Napoleon III. lost nothing, and the Imperialist Party was a very considerable gainer. M. Ollivier lost nothing, for he came into the academy with an éclat he could not have gained in any other way, and has won a place in academic annals between the two great poets Lamartine and Chateaubriand. The Forty have not lost to any great extent, for on the whole they shown great calmness and dignity, and have been at the height of very perplexing circumstances; and M. Guizot has shown that philosophic moral courage which is the special property of the great in going back to retrieve an error of a moment. He has owned up, confessed, made amends, and sued for peace. All this shows considerable dignity, and it seems a pity that some of our other human affairs cannot be settled with the same calmness and dignity.

THE MI-CAREME.

Yesterday, was *mi-carême*, the fête of the washerwomen. But the *blanchisseuses* and *blanchisseurs* did not have a very happy time of it. Snow fell all night, and a slow draggling rain came on in the morning to fill the streets with "slush." After midday rain fell in showers, and occasionally there was a blustering hail-storm. Only a few masks were out, and the decorated wagons were very rare. The queen of the washerwomen this year is a young and pretty girl named Louise Duchemin, who met with an accident in going out. While trying to mount her chariot she fell and sprained her ankle so badly that she will be for some time confined to her bed. She is to be married on the 10th of April. A few washerwomen were out in open cabs, showing off mountains of white skirts neatly done up; but the rain soon took the starch out of them, and sent the poor girls sadly home. One of the curious features of this day is the decorated wagons which go about the streets. The horses are trimmed with ribbons, and a number of men and women in masks and costumes are inside, generally with a huge figure of Punch standing upright and life-like upon the front seat. As the wooden figures are too heavy, they are made this year of the thin tissue used for toy balloons, and being filled with gas, Master Punch stands alone, and bows and bends to the crowd as he sways with the wind at the end of his cord. In the rear of the wagon is a person who throws out cards or circulars, announcing that the best *blanchissage de fin*, or extra washing and ironing, can be found at a certain establishment. Sometimes these are printed upon paper fans, but this year they were in the shape of a banner, upon a wooden shaft, and made of thick green paper. It was curious to see the people of the boulevards rushing ankle-deep in mud after these wagons, in order to get one of these banners. I saw a great many well-dressed persons, men and women, run for yards in the dirty slush in order to dispute them with the gamins. Occasionally some one fell in the mud, and to the great satisfaction of the crowd. Seeing no signs of anything worthy of note upon the boulevards, I strolled into the children's ball at Frascati's, and, believe me, I was charmed. A prettier spectacle could scarcely be imagined. The rosy-cheeked little creatures were in costume, and were so happy that it did one good to watch them. Several dancing-masters were present to guide the children, and many aged gentlemen with white cravats solicited the honor of a quadrille. One nice old man near me asked a six-year-old girl, dressed as "Madame Angot," to give him the honor of her hand for a dance. "I would do so with pleasure, Sir," she replied demurely, "but I am engaged to this gentleman," pointing to a diminutive "Massaniello" of about her own age.

WHOLESALE SWINDLING.

CINCINNATI, Ohio, March 31.—About ten months since a man calling himself J. Anderson opened a store on Central avenue for the sale of notions and cutlery. During the past month he made very extensive time purchases, informing dealers that he was going to place a lot of wagons on the road to sell to country dealers at wholesale. Yesterday his store was found closed and empty and Anderson not to be found. It is supposed that he has fled to Canada. The value of the goods not paid for is about $100,000.

LATEST NEWS BY CABLE.

GREAT BRITAIN.

COMPENSATION TO BRITISH SUFFERERS FROM THE ALABAMA'S DEPREDATIONS—THE WHALLEY CONTEMPT CASE.

LONDON, March 31.—Mr. Anderson has postponed the resolution which he was to have introduced to-night in the House of Commons, declaring that as Great Britain had been adjudicated to be in the wrong in permitting the escape of the Alabama, and had compensated Americans who suffered by the depredations of that vessel, British subjects who suffered similarly ought also to receive compensation.

The House of Commons Select Committee on the committal and fining of Mr. Whalley, M. P., for contempt of court, reported to-night that Chief Justice Cockburn only did his duty under the circumstances, and the affair did not require further investigation.

Mr. Whalley himself subsequently gave notice that he should call attention to the case on April 17, and ask for a new committee of investigation.

The House has adjourned for the Easter holidays.

BANQUET GIVEN BY THE LORD MAYOR OF LONDON TO GEN. WOLSELEY.

LONDON, March 31.—The Lord Mayor of London gave a banquet to-night, at the Mansion House, in honor of Sir Garnet Wolseley. Among the distinguished guests present were the Prince of Wales, Prince Arthur, the Duke of Cambridge, Viscount Cardwell, and Mr. Gathorne Hardy.

Gen. Wolseley, in response to a toast, gave an interesting account of the Ashantee Expedition, and declared that King Coffee had for a long time premeditated the war.

The General was received with the greatest enthusiasm, and his speech was

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SENATE.

Mr. SARGENT, of California, presented memorials signed by 7,276 citizens of that State, setting forth the evils arising from the use of intoxicating liquors, and asking for legislation to prohibit the sale and manufacture of such liquors, which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. FENTON, of New York, presented the memorial of the recent Convention of Tax-payers of South Carolina for relief against misrule and corruption. It was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

TWENTY CENT SILVER COIN.

Mr. FERRY, of Michigan, from the Finance Committee, reported favorably on the bill of Mr. Jones, of Nevada, authorizing the coinage of a twenty cent piece of silver at the mints of the United States. Placed on the calendar.

BANKRUPTCY.

Mr. INGALLS, of Kansas, introduced a bill amendatory of the act to establish a uniform system of bankruptcy throughout the United States, which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

SALE OF INDIAN LANDS.

Mr. INGALLS introduced to-day a bill to provide for the sale of the Kansas Indian lands in Kansas to actual settlers, and for the distribution of the proceeds of the sale, it being a copy of the bill on the same subject recently reported from the House Committee on Public Lands.

THE PRESIDIO RESERVATION, SAN FRANCISCO.

Mr. WADLEIGH, of New-Hampshire, from the Committee on Military Affairs, reported, with an amendment, the bill authorizing the City and County of San Francisco to use the Presidio Reservation as a park and highway, which was placed on the calendar.

REDEMPTION AND FREE BANKING.

At the expiration of the morning hour the Senate resumed the consideration of the bill to provide for the redemption and reissue of United States notes and for free banking, the pending motion being that of Mr. Norton to strike out section 4 of the bill.

Mr. SHERMAN said he desired to amend the section, but under the ruling of the chair his motion was not in order.

Mr. CARPENTER (Mr. Anthony in the chair) said it was the duty of the presiding officer to interpret the rules of the Senate, and in making the ruling yesterday he was governed by the rule of the Senate. The practice of the Senate for the last twenty years may have been different from a strict interpretation of the rule, but that was by general consent.

Mr. SHERMAN, of Ohio, offered a resolution that pending a substitute for the whole bill, or a motion to strike out a section of the bill, it is in order to perfect by amendment the section proposed to be stricken out.

Mr. CARPENTER, of Wisconsin, offered as an amendment a resolution amending the twelfth rule, so that pending a motion to strike out and insert, the part to be stricken out and the part to be inserted shall each be regarded for the purpose of amendment as a question, and a motion to amend the part to be stricken out shall have precedence. Agreed to.

Mr. SHERMAN, of Ohio, withdrew the resolution submitted by him.

Mr. MORRILL, of Vermont, moved to strike out, in the fourth section of the bill, seventy per centum as the amount of United States notes to be retired as additional national bank currency is issued, and insert ninety per centum. Rejected by yeas 20, nays 37, as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Anthony, Bayard, Chandler, Conkling, Cooper, Cragin, Fenton, Frelinghuysen, Hager, Hamlin, Jones, Merrill of Vermont, Morrill of Maine, Sargent, Saulsbury, Schurz, Stewart, Stockton, Wadleigh, Windom—20.

NAYS.—Messrs. Allison, Bogy, Boreman, Carpenter, Conover, Davis, Dennis, Ferry of Michigan, Goldthwaite, Gordon, Hamilton of Texas, Harvey, Hitchcock, Howe, Ingalls, Jewell, Johnston, Lewis, Logan, McCreery, Merrimon, Mitchell, Morton, Norwood, Oglesby, Patterson, Pease, Pratt, Ransom, Robertson, Scott, Sherman, Spencer, Sprague, Tamman, Tipton, West, Windom—37.

The question then recurred on the motion of Mr. Morton to strike out the fourth section, and it was agreed to by yeas 29, nays 27, as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Allison, Bogy, Boreman, Carpenter, Conover, Dennis, Ferry of Michigan, Goldthwaite, Gordon, Harvey, Hitchcock, Howe, Ingalls, Johnston, Logan, McCreery, Merrimon, Mitchell, Morton, Oglesby, Patterson, Pease, Pratt, Ransom, Robertson, Spencer, Sprague, Tipton, West—29.

NAYS—Messrs. Anthony, Bayard, Buckingham, Chandler, Conkling, Cooper, Cragin, Davis, Fenton, Frelinghuysen, Hager, Hamilton of Maryland, Hamilton of Texas, Hamlin, Jewell, Merrill of Maine, Morrill of Vermont, Sargent, Saulsbury, Schurz, Sherman, Stewart, Stockton, Thurman, Wadleigh, Windom—27.

Mr. GORDON offered an amendment providing for free banking, and to give to each State the same amount of circulation in proportion to wealth and population as the State of New York has.

Mr. LOGAN accepted this in lieu of his amendment offered several days ago.

Mr. FENTON moved an amendment repealing the twenty-third section of the act of June, 1864, which provides that this national bank currency shall be taken at par, and providing for certain central points where national banks shall redeem their notes in legal tenders.

Mr. MORTON said the whole effect of the amendment would be to depreciate national bank notes.

Mr. SHERMAN said that under the inflation now being authorized national bank currency would be low enough.

Mr. FENTON's amendment was rejected—yeas 14, nays 37.

Mr. BUCKINGHAM offered an amendment providing that on the 1st of January, 1876, United States legal-tender notes in sums of $1,000 and its multiples shall be redeemed by the Treasurer of the United States, either with coin or with United States bonds at par, the principal of such bonds to be payable in coin in ten years and bear interest at the rate of five per cent. per annum, and that the principal of any United States bonds bearing interest in coin at a rate not less than six per cent. per annum, whether due or not, shall, on demand, be paid in legal-tender notes, and the accrued interest in coin.

The amendment was rejected—yeas 7, nays, 39.

Mr. BUCKINGHAM then offered an amendment for the redemption of legal-tender notes in coin or bonds, the same as above, with the exception of the latter part in regard to the redemption of bonds, which he struck out. Rejected—yeas 21, nays 30.

Mr. SARGENT then moved to adjourn, and the motion was adopted—yeas 27, nays 26. The Senate then, at 4:50, adjourned.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THE LOUISVILLE AND PORTLAND CANAL.

After considerable time spent in a struggle for precedence of business the House proceeded with the consideration of the bill which was under discussion yesterday providing for the payment of the bonds of the Louisville and Portland Canal Company.

Mr. WHEELER, Chairman of the Committee on Commerce, which reported the bill, alluded to the dispatch of a Western newspaper correspondent, which represented him as being secretly inimical to the measure, and, while he recognized to the fullest extent his liability to criticism as a public man, he declared there was nothing equivocal in his action. He never engaged in any controversy here where he did not carry his flag out so that it might be seen of all men. His only opposition to this bill was that it did not provide for the State of Kentucky ceding exclusive jurisdiction to the United States before the payment of any money.

Mr. HOLMAN, of Indiana, who had charge of the bill in the House, indorsed Mr. Wheeler's position in regard to the bill, and also a statement by Mr. Conger, of Michigan, as to his occupying a like position.

Mr. WHEELER then proceeded to discuss the bill in detail, and to argue against passing it in the form as reported from the Committee on Commerce. The bill contained the startling proposition that the Secretary of War, not by permission of the State of Kentucky, nor by permission of the persons owning the canal property, should take possession of this property, but that the Federal Government, through the War Department, should enter into the domain of a sovereign State and take possession of its corporate property. Was that, he asked, the vaunted doctrine of State rights? Such a proposition was at war with his own notions, brought from the home of Silas Wright, and should not be entertained for a moment by Congress.

A member asked Mr. Wheeler whether he was not in favor of the bill.

Mr. WHEELER replied that he was in favor of it so far as the permanent indefinite appropriation in it was concerned. He was in favor of improving the channels of commerce, but of doing so within the principles of law and of right. He would offer the amendment proposed by him requiring the cession of jurisdiction of Kentucky, he was in favor of the bill and should vote for it. That had been his declaration from first to last.

[NOTE.—Mr. STANDEFORD, of Kentucky, stated yesterday as the objection to Mr. Wheeler's amendment, that the sessions of the Kentucky Legislature are biennial, and that too much delay would intervene before the next Legislature could take action on the subject.]

Mr. MYERS, of Pennsylvania, moved a substitute for Mr. Wheeler's amendment, providing that if a cession of jurisdiction should not be made by the State of Kentucky, the tolls on the canal shall be raised to their existing rates. Negatived—yeas 105, nays 124.

The question was then taken on Mr. Wheeler's amendment, providing that no money shall paid under this act until Kentucky shall have ceded the jurisdiction over its canal property to the United States. The amendment was agreed to—yeas 130, nays 94.

The bill, as amended, was then passed without the yeas and nays.

THE CURRENCY BILL.

The House, at 3:10 P. M., resumed the consideration of the Currency bill. Speeches were made by Messrs. HUBBELL, of Michigan, and SHERWOOD, of Ohio, both in favor of expansion.

THE TAX-PAYERS OF SOUTH CAROLINA.

Mr. DAWES, of Massachusetts, presented a petition of the tax-payers of South Carolina, reciting the excessive taxation to which the people of that State are subjected, and that the proceeds of such taxation are systematically squandered or stolen, instead of being devoted to the legitimate purposes of the Government, and asking Congress to consider their condition and to devise some means of relief. The petition bore the signatures of a large number of the most intelligent and influential citizens.

Mr. RANDALL, of Pennsylvania, asked what Congress could do in the matter. He had always opposed any interference by Congress in the affairs of the States.

Mr. DAWES said he did not know exactly what could be done about it. But he thought it just and proper that the House should receive the petition.

After further discussion the petition was referred to the Judiciary Committee.

THE VIENNA COMMISSIONERS.

Mr. MYERS, of Pennsylvania, introduced a bill for the relief of the Commissioners to the Vienna Exhibition. Referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

The House then, at 5:30, adjourned.

THE DISORDERLY HOUSE NUISANCE.

SUIT FOR EJECTMENT—INTERESTING PROCEEDINGS IN THE FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT—VICTORY FOR AN INNOCENT LANDLORD.

The first action for the ejectment of the tenant of a disorderly house, in connection with the present movement by the Board of Education and the Grand Jury, was tried yesterday in the First District Civil Court before Justice Quinn and a jury. The proceedings were brought under a special act of the Legislature passed in 1868 in relation to the subject. Counsel for the plaintiff, in opening the case, said that the action had been brought by Michael Gross, landlord of the premises No. 167 Greene street, to dispossess the tenant, named Adolph Ringe, who, it would be proved, had hired the house for a grocery store, and had afterward sublet a portion of it to disreputable characters in violation of the contract, which stipulated that the premises should not be let out for any purpose other than that named, or sublet, without the consent of the landlord. The premises had been rented by Ringe for two years, from the 1st of May, 1873, to the 1st of May, 1875, at a rent of $1,500 per year, and the first intimation the owner of the property had of the improper use to which his house had been put, was through the District Attorney, who notified Frederick Gross, son of the landlord, of the matter. Mr. Gross thereupon called upon Ringe, who agreed to remove the objectionable characters, being allowed an abatement of rent, with the promise of a further arrangement if respectable tenants could not be obtained. Subsequently, it appeared, Ringe permitted the disorderly characters to return to his house, where they continued to reside at the time the matter was taken up by the Grand Jury. Counsel alluded to the present movement against the owners of property in the Eighth and Fifteenth Wards, many of whom, he said, were, like the plaintiff, in the habit of subletting their houses through agents, and knew nothing whatever of the character of the tenants on their property. Under these circumstances Mr. Gross had caused the present proceedings for the ejectment of Ringe to be instituted.

The affidavit of Charles Daly, agent for Gross, stating that the premises in question were, in his judgment, used for disreputable purposes, and of the defendent denying the allegation, were then read.

Frederick H. Gross, son of the owner of the property, took the stand and testified that Daly had been authorized to rent the premises named. The agreement between the agent and Ringe, stating that the premises were let for a grocery store, for a term of two years, and should not be rented for any other purpose, or sublet without the consent of the landlord, was then read and put in evidence. Mr. Gross also testified that he had never given Ringe consent to sublet the premises.

Officer Seaman, of the Eighth Precinct, testified that he had been on post duty in the street during the past eight months, and knew the premises in question. The house, he said, was undoubtedly a disorderly one, frequented by disreputable characters; and the grocery and liquor store kept by Ringe in the basement was the resort of the worst classes in the district.

Officer Terwilliger, also of the Eighth Precinct, while testifying to the bad reputation of the house, seemed somewhat reluctant, nevertheless, to distinguish it from the other nuisances in the neighborhood by stating that the character of the house was "good for one of the kind."

This closed the case for the plaintiff, and counsel for the defendant asked the court to dismiss the proceeding, on the ground that it had not been proved that his client had ever kept a disreputable house. The motion was denied, and the denial excepted to.

The defendant, in his own behalf, testified that he sublet the upper portion of his premises for family purposes, and did not know the character of the person to whom he rented it.

Two white men named Haas and Goldstein, and two colored men named George Washington Hall and Edward Johnson, testified that they considered Ringe's house a respectable one.

Counsel for the defendant asked the Judge to charge that on the evidence the jury could not find a verdict for the landlord, but must find for the tenant. The court refused so to charge.

Justice Quinn then charged the jury, defining the law in the case with clearness.

The jury retired and after a few minutes returned with a verdict for the landlord. The defendant's counsel asked that the verdict be set aside on the ground that it was against the weight of evidence, and on the motion being denied, moved that the Judge permanently stay the issuance of his warrant of dispossession on the ground that the act under which the proceedings had been brought was unconstitutional. This motion was also denied, counsel excepting.

By permission of counsel for the landlord it was then agreed that a stay of three days in issuing the Judge's warrant be granted, in order to give Ringe an opportunity to remove his property from the premises.

It is understood that the case will be appealed.

Ida Thompson, one of the keepers of disorderly houses in the Eighth Ward, was yesterday bailed out in $1,000, Charles Horn, of No. 53 Market street, becoming her surety.

A DREADFUL SUICIDE IN BROOKLYN.

Mrs. Emily S. Parker committed suicide yesterday morning in the coal-cellar of her residence, No. 116 Prospect street, by strangling herself with a thin piece of rope. The circumstances attending the shocking act are particularly distressing. Mrs. Parker lived at the above place with her husband and three children, one of whom died about a week ago. Since the death of her child she has been overwhelmed with sorrow, and this is believed to have unsettled her mind. She has frequently been heard to say that she had nothing longer to live for, and that she wished she were dead. These desponding expressions, however, did not excite any apprehensions in the minds of her friends, and it was hoped that time would restore her to her usual good spirits. Yesterday morning she arose at an early hour, and prepared breakfast for her husband and children, and nothing unusual in her manner was noticed till after the departure of her husband for business. At 9 o'clock she went into the kitchen in the back basement. Her two children were there playing around. Taking them by the hand, she led them into the front room, and told her sister to take care of them, and then returned to the kitchen, locking the connecting door. Nearly an hour passed, and as Mrs. Parker did not return, her sister went to the kitchen to see what was detaining her so long. Here she could not be found, and as a fruitless search was made for her through the upper part of the house, it was thought she might have gone to the cellar to get wood, and was taken sick there. Thither, therefore, her now alarmed friends hurried, but the first survey of the wide cellar was equally unsuccessful in discovering her. As they were about leaving, however, a deep groan from a dark corner in which the coal was kept recalled them, and a light being procured, the unfortunate woman was found lying against the wall, with a rope tied firmly in three coils round her neck. Her eyes were closed, and her face presented a ghastly appearance. Dr. Cutter, who lives close by, was summoned, and promptly hastened to the spot. He cut the rope from the neck, but although the body was quite warm, life was extinct. Mr. Parker was summoned from New-York, where he does business, and on his arrival was horrified at the intelligence of the shocking death of his wife, who had bidden him an affectionate good by only a few hours previous. It was at first supposed that the wretched woman had suspended the end of the rope to one of the rafters, and then thrown herself from a block of wood, but Dr. Cutter states that such was not the case. She twisted the rope three times round her neck, and then catching the ends in her hands, pulled on them until death ensued. Coroner Jones will hold the inquest.

THE CAP-MAKERS' STRIKE.

All the difficulties that existed between the cap-makers and their employers have been settled, not exactly amicably, but in such a manner that the strikers have all returned to work—some to their original employers, and some to others. The strike fell through for the same reasons that hundreds of others have done before, that was, too exorbitant demands upon the manufacturer, and want of unanimity and power enough to hold out sufficiently long to compel them to succumb to their terms. The original demand of the strikers was, an advance of seventy-five to 100 per cent. upon the old prices. While there was a disposition on the part of the manufacturers to make some advance, they thought this percentage too large; that they would be compelled to advance the prices of their goods so much as to seriously affect their sale, and positively declined to comply. Both parties were inexorable; though some concessions were made on both sides, nothing definite could be agreed upon; and there being no prospect of a settlement, the strikers mutually released themselves from all obligations to one another, and each one did the best he could for himself. The result was that the manufacturers generally agreed to an advance varying from twenty-five to fifty per cent., each party making the best terms they could. This strike having been made at a season of the year when all the manufacturers had large orders on their books and little stock on hand to fill them, placed them in a very unpleasant position, and the damage they suffered will not easily be forgotten. Besides not being able to fill their orders they were losing large sales, and having contracted so much on the old labor price basis, were prospects of little or no profit, if not actual loss on all the new stock made up to fill first orders.

A. T. STEWART'S SECOND SPRING OPENING.

A. T. Stewart's second Spring opening in the wholesale millinery department came off yesterday. It was a brisk affair while it lasted, was almost essentially of a business character, and differed very much from those other openings whereat show and fashionable parade take the place of prompt business and rapid transactions. Indeed, ladies of fashion are not wont to frequent these wholesale displays, but the ladies who help to make ladies fashionable are always there in considerable numbers. The presence of the *beau monde* is not only not encouraged, but is actually prohibited at these wholesale openings at A. T. Stewart's. Now and then, of course, some privileged customers urge their claims to be present, and as there is no rule so stringent that an exception to it may not, in all probability, be found, concessions are made to them within certain limits. These displays are intended solely for the benefit of modistes and millinera, with whom business is the principal motive, supplemented by a little natural curiosity concerning the latest Parisian novelties. These ladies paid a very early visit to Mr. Stewart's store yesterday, for it is a matter of importance with them not to be anticipated in any of the fashions. Their mature and experienced criticisms were freely expressed, and it would not be too much to say that, occasionally, when some triumph of millinery art was secured by an early purchaser, a little of what may be termed "sour grapes" comment found its way into the discussions of the disappointed ones, who thought it "horrid," and wouldn't have it on any terms. As doctors are reported to disagree sometimes in cases of great importance, so do milliners also in matters which come within their own special domain. They fell out yesterday in numerous instances, but the feud was strongest concerning a hat of the Charlotte Corday style, which Mme. Valerie Graux sent over here from Paris to create stife among our milliners, just as the famous apple of discord did among the three goddesses of mythological fable. It was pretty well that the ladies of fashion were not present, or they might have espoused different sides and magnified the proportions of a quarrel, which, like that which *Sir Lucius O'Trigger* fixed upon *Capt. Absolute*, was quite a pretty one as it stood. Here is a faint description of a technical kind, which may convey something of an idea of what the discord-provoking head-dress was like, for at this time the writer can in no way say whether it was exquisitely beautiful, or whether it was beautiful at all. It is made of foundation lace and blue poult de soie, with an inside trimming of crape lisse. The trimming consists of roses of a pale tint and crape lisse, and the crown is of real Valenciennes lace. The wing of the ingenue, an East Indian bird, forms a side ornature. Mme. Graux sent another style of hat, which is a good deal in contrast to the above. It is of pink poult de soie, trimmed with crape lisse inside, and ornamented with black lace and a profusion of roses. There were some pretty hats on view which were designed at Mr. Stewart's establishment. Among these, one, of what is known as the Viola shape, was much admired. It is of black fur, trimmed with jet, and having a wreath of white daisies, jet ornaments, and pale blue ribbons of the No. 16 breadth, the tendency now being in favor of an increase in this direction. Mme. Virot supplied a handsome head-dress with a Normandy crown of pink poult de soie, with a wreath of ivy and natural berries. The brim is of chip, and it is supplied with floating strings of white ribbon of the No. 16 breadth. Here is something of the style which Caroline Reboux furnishes from her millinery establishment in the Rue de la Paix—a cap crown trimmed with velvet and wax leaves, ornamented in front with a torquoise-hilted dagger. As there are styles in painting, poetry, and music to which the descriptive epithet "daring" is applied, so it appears there is such a style in millinery, and Mme. Caroline, and Mlle. Cazalonga of the famous Parisian representative. She illustrates it in this instance by a jaunty, rakish style of head-dress, consisting of a bonnet of white chip, trimmed with black lace and black feather, and with a great profusion of blue flowers. The chip of the hat is lower on one side than on the other, and the hat is open at the back. A handsome headdress from the establishment of Mlle. A. Magnier is made of black lace, with soft crown, ornamented with black beads, black pompon, and aigrette. Esther Ouvrier, & Co. furnished one of the most admired specimens of the milliners' art in the whole collection. It consisted of a bonnet of white chip, with blue crape lisse puffed, trimmed with delicate white roses and pendants of light blue ribbon. No. 16 is the trimming of the crape lisse, but this might come within the "daring" style of hat, at least so far as the admixture of color is concerned, is one designed at A. T. Stewart's establishment. The hat is of Belgian chip, trimmed with steel-colored and salmon-colored ribbon, with folds of black lace; flowers, vines, and a feather to match the steel color, with a profusion of ribbons of the salmon tint. Mr. Stewart also furnishes a very handsome hat of real lace, with ornaments of jet in the shape of coral branches, and a profusion of roses en trainasse, and still another formed of black lace and jet band, trimmed with feathers and wreaths of violets, the inside trimming being of jet fringe, and the crown of beaded lace. The general stock, which is renewed weekly, consists of a great variety of French, Belgian, and American straw and chip and Leghorn hats, with a corresponding variety of feathers, flowers, jet ornaments, and ribbons of every kind for purposes of trimming. A great variety of such ribbons constituted a special feature in A. T. Stewart & Co.'s second Spring opening.

THE STEFFANI-PAOLO MURDER TRIAL.

The trial of Sargenti Paolo and Pieto Steffani, jointly indicted for the murder of Michael Harold, in November last, was commenced yesterday before Mr. Justice Brady in the Court of Oyer and Terminer. The prisoners are Italians, and are of decidedly unintellectual appearance, and have little or no knowledge of the English language. The victim of their tragic act was an Irishman, proprietor of a tavern in South Fifth avenue, near Broome street, and it is alleged that during a fracas which took place at the saloon the prisoners each and separately stabbed Harold in the back, from the effects of which injuries he died. They are defended by Mr. Charles W. Brooks and John R. Fellows, and District Attorney Phelps in person conducts the prosecution. The day yesterday was spent in obtaining a jury, and when the panel of fifty was exhausted but eleven jurors had been obtained. They were Robt. J. Glendinning, John Edwards, Edward Morrissey, Robert R. Sherwood, Wm. A. Querbel, Wm. L. Fish, August Oppermann, Wm. L. Miller, George A. Montanye, Albert P. Ryder, and Geo. L. Roberts. Upon motion of Mr. Brooke, and by consent of District Attorney Phelps, Edward Morrissey was subsequently excused from serving, although he had been sworn as a juror. Mr. Phelps stated that he consented only on account of the fact that the panel had been exhausted, and but eleven jurors had been obtained. Another panel, therefore, was necessary before the circumstances could be laid before Mr. Morrissey being excused. A new panel of fifty will be called this morning. Before adjourning, the court ordered that the jurors already sworn be kept together for the night, and that if any of them found it necessary to visit their homes or places of business, they could be permitted to do so, but only in company with an officer of the court. They were also cautioned against reading any articles in the newspapers referring to the case.

THE ASSAULT ON MR. GIBSON.

It will be remembered that during the early part of last year a most dastardly assault was committed on Mr. Walter Gibson, editor of the Harlem *Local*, a small newspaper, by some ruffians, who waylaid him and threw vitriol in his eyes. Mr. Gibson gradually recovered from his injuries, and on the 21st of November last received a letter asking him to meet the writer, S. P. Grant, at the house No. 1 Sylvan place, One Hundred and Twentieth street. Mr. Gibson did not keep the appointment that evening, but precisely at the same time Mr. Wm. H. Bull, a gentleman residing at No. 3 Sylvan place, was assaulted and terribly beaten with a slung-shot by two ruffians, who had evidently mistaken him for Mr. Gibson. Yesterday John Kelly, a bricklayer, and John Halloran, a publisher, both residing at No. 353 East One Hundred and Twenty-fourth street, were arrested and committed for trial at the Tombs, for having committed the assault on Mr. Bull. Mr. Bull made a simple affidavit that he believed them to be the men, from information received. Mr. Gibson made an affidavit that he had been informed by P. W. Rhodes, A. W. Moulton, Z. H. Mullen, Thos. C. Freeman, Wm. O. Webb, and Geo. W. Thompson, that Geo. P. Webster and Frank Webster, of No. 203 West One Hundred and Twenty-fifth street, knew that Halloran and Kelly were the men who beat Mr. Bull. The prisoners were held for trial in $1,000 bail, which was furnished for both by Mr. John W. Smith, of No. 440 East One Hundred and Twenty-first street.

DARING HIGHWAY ROBBERY.

Francis Hammill, of No. 211 West Houston street, and James Kelly alias Big Kelly, were committed in default of $1,000 bail each yesterday, by Justice Sherwood at Jefferson Market Police Court, on a charge of highway robbery. The complainant, Jacob Scheller, of No. 423 West Forty-first street, stated that on Monday night as he was passing through Houston street, he was attacked by the prisoners, who demanded his money or his life. Not being tired of the latter, he quietly handed over all his spare cash, amounting to thirty cents. The robbers made diligent search, but overlooked $136 in bills which Mr. Scheller had in his watch pocket. They were soon after arrested by Officer Baird from the description given of them by Mr. Scheller.

THE JEWISH PASSOVER.

This evening the Jewish festival of "Pesach," or the Passover, will be inaugurated, with the observances and ceremonies incident to its celebration. This festival is one of the most important in the Jewish calendar, and was instituted to commemorate the miraculous deliverance of the children of Israel from the vile system of slavery imposed upon them during their sojourn in the land of Egypt. The festival begins at sundown this evening, and continues for eight days, ending at sundown on the evening of Thursday, the 9th inst., and is distinguished from all other festivals by the banishment of all leavened bread from the houses of the pious Israelites, and the substitution therefor of "Matzos," or unleavened cakes, which are composed simply of flour and water and are baked so quickly after the flour and water are mixed as to preclude the possibility of the dough becoming leavened. The eating of the "Matzos" is commemorative of the haste with which the departure of the children of Israel was accelerated by the Egyptians compelling the former to carry the dough which they had prepared to be made into bread with them, and it was baked by the heat of the sun while being carried in the kneading-troughs on the shoulders of the departing Israelites. The first two and last two days of the festival are observed by the orthodox Israelites as holy days, but the four days intervening are of no special import. The Reform Jews in their innovations upon the ancient ordinances consider the first and seventh days only as holy days, and have almost entirely done away with the ceremonies and observances which Rabbinical teachers from time to time enjoined upon the house of Israel. In orthodox families the first and second nights of the Passover are distinguished by a peculiar service, known as the "Sidar." On returning home from their houses of worship, after the evening service, all the family, from the aged grandfather to the youngest stripling, gather about the table, on which are displayed the unleavened cakes, a quantity of little herbs, and a half-roasted section of a shoulder of lamb, which latter is a symbol of the Paschal Lamb. A glass is placed before each person, and when these glasses are filled with wine the head of the house reads the "Hagada," which consists of a recital of the oppression practiced upon the Israelites by the Egyptians, and the miraculous deliverance of the chosen people of the Lord from "out of the land of Egypt and the house of bondage." Hymns of praise to the Almighty for his goodness toward Israel are sung, and the service concludes with a bountiful repast. On this night Jewish servants sit at the same table with their employers, and all members of the household of Israel are deemed to be on an equal footing. This beautiful and impressive service, which is looked for with joyful anticipation for months previous by orthodox Jewish families, is not in use among the Reform Jews at all. To-morrow and Friday services appropriate to the festival will be celebrated in all the Jewish synagogues, and sermons will be preached by the Rabbis to their respective congregations.

MEETING OF MASTER MASONS AND CARPENTERS.

The joint meeting of the master masons and carpenters, called yesterday afternoon at the Mechanics' and Traders' Exchange, No. 27 Park place, to consider the question of co-operation in the adoption of the ten hours per day system of labor with an increase of wages, was not productive of any definite action in consequence of the small representation present from each trade. The meeting was arranged by a committee of the master carpenters, who have already adopted the ten-hour system, with an increase of fifty cents in the day's wages, but who believe that unless perfect harmony exists between all the building trades in the movement, it cannot be carried out. Mr. Joseph Smith, President of the Masons' Society, presided, and introduced Mr. Elerstead, who, in behalf of the carpenters, recited the foregoing facts, adding that it was for the meeting to decide whether to sustain or condemn the action of this society. He deemed it a very essential movement, from the fact that enough work is not accomplished in the eight-hour system to sustain themselves in competition with outsiders, who, it seems, are sending in dressed stone and wood-work from all parts of the country. The report of Mr. Kierstead was received, and a motion was adopted to issue a general call to all parties interested in building to send delegates to a meeting on next Tuesday at 2 o'clock P. M., at the Mechanics' and Traders' Exchange rooms, to consider the question and adopt some definite course of action regarding it. A motion was also carried to advertise the meeting in all the daily journals. The meeting then adjourned. "There seems to be no doubt of a general acquiescence by the master mechanics in the movement, but much trouble is apprehended from the expressed opposition of the trade-unions, although the majority of the latter are only too anxious to work ten hours in consideration of an increase of wages.

THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

The Board of Health met yesterday afternoon, when, on the recommendation of Assistant Sanitary Superintendent Janes, a permit was granted to Peter Dolan, to reoccupy a portion of the premises No. 9 Mulberry street, heretofore vacated by the Board. A report was presented by Dr. Lockwood in respect to the unsanitary condition of a sailors' boarding-house at No. 190 Cherry street, owned by the Seamen's Friends' Society, and was referred to the Attorney of the Board for action. Dr. Elisha Harris, Register of Records, presented the following:

The total number of deaths reported in this City during the fourth week in March, was 525, against 557 reported, and 530 that actually occurred, during the previous week. Compared with the records of the previous corresponding week in the past five years, the death-rate of the present week in March, and of 11 deaths compared with the average of the corresponding week in the past five years. The mean temperature last week was 5.69° Fahr. lower than in the previous week. There was some increase in the mortality from bronchitis, pneumonia, and measles. The Spring weather has been so unusually inclement that the aged and poorly-fed classes have suffered considerably by diseases aggravated by such causes, but the general state of the public health is good. The winter mortality has not been as great as in past years, nor has there been an excessive mortality from scarlatina and diphtheria. The total number of deaths in the quarter ending March 28 amounts to 6,514. The number that died in the first three months in the year 1873 was 6,951, or 417 more than in the corresponding period this year.

The following is a comparative statement of contagious diseases for the past two weeks:

Week ending March 21—Tyrbus fever, 1; typhoid fever, 6; scarlet fever, 79; cerebro-spinal meningitis, 2; measles, 40; diphtheria, 48; small-pox, 23.

Week ending March 28—Typhoid fever, 6; scarlet fever, 60; cerebro-spinal meningitis, 8; measles, 35; diphtheria, 32; small-pox, 9.

EMIGRATION AFFAIRS.

Owing to the non-attendance of several of the Commissioners of Emigration at Castle Garden yesterday, no meeting was held. The Secretary has called a special meeting for this afternoon. There were no arrivals of emigrants at the Garden yesterday. The sale of emigrant tickets at the reduced rates is still kept up, and from all indications there will be a persistent continuance of the lively competition. Each railroad company expresses a determination to abide by the present arrangement. The Commissioners will be obliged to take some decided steps in order to have the agents work harmoniously within the Garden. It is not generally known that the Red Star Line, of Philadelphia, are making overtures to the Irish Emigration Society to convey emigrants across the Atlantic, landing them in New-York City, for the sum of $25 in currency per passenger. While the price per ticket is ostensibly $30 in currency by the Red Star Line, the allowance of $3 per head commission to the society, and the price of railroad fare ($2) from Philadelphia, at which port the steamers will first touch, reduce the fare for the emigrant to $25 currency. The other steam-ship lines are charging $30 in gold per emigrant. The Red Star Line has already conceded three steamers to touch regularly at this port, the Belgian mails, and it is thought that before long the whole number of the company's steamers will make New-York a regular port of entry and departure.

HOW CHARLICK SILENCED OPPOSITION.

Mr. Z. K. Dennler is the Sanitary Inspector of Long Island City. Mr. James Deveren is a member of the Police and Health Boards of Long Island City. Some time ago Police Commissioner Oliver Charlick, of this City, through the efforts of Messrs. Dennler and Daveren, as alleged, was prevented from dumping garbarge and refuse on certain sunken lots within the boundaries of Long Island City. The prohibition was removed, however, and the dumping has since proceeded; and it is mentioned as a curious coincidence that the names of Messrs. Dennler and Daveren now both appear on the payrolls of the Health Department of New-York City.

THE BROOKLYN REPUBLICANS AND THE NAVY-YARD.

At the last regular meeting of the Brooklyn Twentieth Ward Republican Association, the following resolutions, offered by Capt. Parkerson, were adopted, and the Secretary was directed to forward them to Hon. Stewart L. Woodford, the member of Congress from the district.

Whereas, It has been the practice in the various departments of the navy yard to lay out a large quantity of work to be done immediately after the 1st of July—the commencement of the fiscal year—while the appropriations are large; and,

Whereas, Mechanics and laborers are employed in great numbers during the warmest month of the year, and while political excitement is at its height—the season when men are least able to perform a full day's labor—and then to be discharged as Winter approaches, just the time they need employment most, and are best able to work, the discharge being made for the reason that the appropriations have become nearly exhausted; and,

Whereas, We do not believe the navy-yard should be a workshop where all those without employment might secure work, but we firmly adhere to the principle that when the Government can it should always consider and provide for the interests of the workingman to the greatest degree possible; therefore,

Resolved, That we respectfully call the attention of the honorable Secretary of the Navy to the foregoing facts, and request that he shall have the appropriations for the different departments so arranged that all work which can be deferred without injury to the interests of the Government may be done between the months of October and April, thereby accomplishing greater results with a less expenditure of money, and at the same time giving employment to more worthy persons at the season of the year when they most need it.

THE WHOLESALE DRY-GOODS TRADE.

The wholesale dry-goods trade has now fairly opened, and from the present time until the middle of June the employes of the several houses will have but little time to indulge in gazing on the passers-by from the front windows. The commencement of the season was rather late in comparison with former years, and this may be partly attributed to the increased facilities for transportation. In former years country merchants were obliged to convey their goods a long distance in wagons from the nearest railway station, and consequently had to commence making purchases very early in the Spring. But as nearly every town of importance in the West is now reached by the railway, the merchants put off buying as late as possible, or until their customers, who are mainly farmers, begin their Spring purchases, which they do immediately after sowing their crops. At that time they sell the remainder of their grain on hand, reserving a sufficient quantity for their private use until Fall, and invest the proceeds in merchandise for consumption during the Summer. The merchants are thereby enabled to make their purchases on better terms by waiting than they would by purchasing early in the season. The stocks of the jobbers are in an excellent condition, owing to the late financial panic. Soon after the commencement of the panic the majority of the jobbing merchants stopped making general purchases, and although the Fall season was in its height, confined their purchases to articles ordered by their customers from day to day. This action, though rather severe on the importers and manufacturers, proved highly beneficial to the jobbers themselves, for on making the customary half-yearly inventory they found themselves in possession of lighter stocks than they had had for years previous. This left them ample room to lay in fresh goods for the Spring trade. The number of failures among the country merchants last year was very small, not greater than in ordinary seasons, and of the few firms in this City who were obliged to suspend, nearly all resumed business shortly afterward. The entire stock of Digrg, Cunningham & Co., suspended last Fall, was purchased by Messrs. Eldridge, Dunham & Co., who also employed many of the clerks previously in the employ of the first-named firm. The practice of dating bills ahead is not so much in vogue among jobbers this Spring as has heretofore been the case. In some instances where the country merchant is in unusually good standing, bills are dated ahead for fifteen or thirty days; but these instances are very rare. There has been a slight reduction in fancy goods since the opening of the season, which is generally the case every year, the prices of desirable goods being advanced at the beginning of the season, and gradually reduced toward its close. Staple goods, although very much lower than they were last Spring, have not sustained any considerable reduction this season. Foreign goods are slightly lower than they opened; but as this class of goods is sold in upon a gold basis, the increase in price of that commodity leaves the reduction very slight. Ready-made suits for ladies now form an important item of the jobbing trade.

FOREIGN NOTES.

The royal gold medal of the Institute of British Architects has been awarded to Mr. John Ruskin, Slade Professor of Fine Arts at Oxford.

Six persons have been fined for swearing in the streets at Blackburn, and other towns in England are about to follow the example. If the idea were acted upon here a goodly fund might be raised.

The *Journal des Débats* confirms the statement that the understanding existing between Austria and Russia relative to the Eastern question is entirely pacific, and in no way tends to any dismemberment of Turkey.

Having in view such improvements of his country as may best be promoted by acquaintance with European systems, the Emperor of Morocco purposes a journey to England in the course of the approaching Summer.

The Austrian Government has permitted the employment of women in various branches of the the Post Office at Vienna and in the vicinity. The pay is to be a florin for each complete day's work of eight hours. No extra work will be allowed, and the women are not to be employed before 6 o'clock in the morning or after 9 at night.

A disgraceful piece of mischief is reported from Berlin, where some idiot has, it seems, been amusing himself by poisoning a good many of the most valuable animals in the Zoological Garden. His last victims are six bears, two jaguars, two black panthers, two lions, and a lynx, all of which have died, with the exception of the male jaguar and the female panther.

An international agricultural exhibition on a grand scale will be held at Bremen under the patronage of the Crown Prince of Germany, from the 13th to the 21st of June next, and his imperial Highness will visit Bremen on that occasion

FINANCIAL AFFAIRS.

SALES AT THE STOCK EXCHANGE—MARCH 31.

SALES BEFORE THE CALL—10 A. M.

700	Western Union	79	500	Tel. & Wab.	45
500	do	78⅛	5000	do	44⅞
500	do	78⅛	1200	do	44⅝
1000	do	78⅛	500	Lake Shore	79⅛
300	do	79⅛	500	do	79⅞
1500	do	79⅝	1050	do	80
1200	do	79⅝	500	do	80⅛
300	do	79⅝	1500	do	80⅛
800	do	79⅝	2000	do	80⅛
1000	do	79⅝	600	do	80⅛
300	do	79⅞	500	do	80⅜
1400	do	80	1300	do	80¼
1100	do	79⅝	1000	do	80⅛
800	do	79⅝	1000	do	80⅜
1200	do	79⅝	700	do	80
1300	do	79⅝	100	do	80⅛
400	do	79⅝	3100	Union Pacific	38⅛
1000	do	80	500	do	38⅝
300	Pacific Mail	45¼	500	do	38⅜
400	do	45⅜	500	do	38⅝
300	do	45⅜	200	do	38⅝
300	do	45⅜	100	do	38⅜
400	do	45⅜	2300	do	38⅜
300	do	45⅜	400	Del., L. & W.	100⅜
100	do	45⅜	600	Rock Island	106⅞
100	do	45⅜	100	do	107
100	do	45⅜	100	do	107⅛
100	do	45¼	100	do	107
300	N. Y. C. & H.	100⅛	200	Han. & St. Jo.	32
100	do	100⅝	1000	St. Paul	44⅞
100	do	100⅝	500	do	44⅞
100	do	101⅛	300	do	44⅞
300	do	101⅛	300	do	44⅞
200	do	101⅛	300	do	44⅞
1100	do	101	100	do	44⅞
400	North-western	56¼	800	do	44⅞
1100	do	56⅜	1100	do	44⅞
1200	do	56⅝	50	do	44⅞
100	do	56⅜	1000	do	44⅞
100	do	56¼	600	do	44⅞
1000	Erie Railway	38	500	do	44⅞
1100	do	38	500	do	44
700	do	37⅝	800	do	43⅞
500	do	37⅝	800	do	44
100	do	37⅝	300	Ohio & Miss.	31¼
100	do	38	100	do	31⅜
300	do	38⅛	200	do	31⅝
600	do	38¼	300	C. C. & I. C.	32⅜
800	do	38⅛	300	do	32⅝
300	do	38⅛	600	do	32⅝
100	At. & Pac. P.	16⅜	200	do	32¼
30	do	17			

GOVERNMENT STOCKS—10:15 AND 11:30 A. M.

$25,000	U. S. 6s, '81 R.	12	119⅝
3,000	U. S. 6s, '81, c.	120⅞	
5,000	U. S. 5-20 C. '65, N.		119⅜
6,000	do.		119⅜
1,000	do.		c. 119⅜
5,000	U. S. 5-20 R. '67.		119⅜
5,000	do.		12. 119⅝
10,000	U. S. 5-20 C. '68.		11. 119⅞
*10,000	U. S. 5s. C.		12. 115⅛
	10-40 C.		12. 115⅜

FIRST BOARD—10:30 A. M.

$15,000	Tenn. 6s, old, ex. coup.	69	100	Panama	c. b3. 115⅛
10,000	do.	c. 68⅝	50	Erie Railway	38¼
2,000	Tenn. 6s, new	68⅜	100	do.	b. c. 38⅜
20,000	Tenn. 6s, new series	b. c. 68⅜	100	do.	s3. 38⅜
10,000	Mo. 6s	b. c. 94½	200	do.	c. 38⅜
20,000	Erie 2d M.	s3. 88	400	do.	38⅜
1,000	Erie 4th M.	100½	600	do.	38¼
11,000	Un. Pac. 1st M.	86⅛	50	do.	s3. 38¼
3,000	do.	b3. 86¾	400	do.	38⅝
2,000	do.	86¾	500	do.	38⅝
15,000	U. Pac. 7s, L. G.	84½	800	L. S. & M. S.	b. c. 80⅜
2,000	U. Pac. 10s, inc.	86⅞	400	do.	b3. 80½
3,000	do.	b. c. 87	100	do.	80¼
2,000	Pac. 7s, guar. by St. of Mo.	b. c. 93⅜	1200	do.	80⅜
5,000	B. & L. 1st	97	200	do.	c. 80
4,800	do. 10s, Bds.	b. c. 100	100	do.	80¼
1,000	North Mo. 1st	86	400	do.	80¼
3,000	Al. & Spa. 2d b. c.	100⅜	2300	do.	80¼
12,000	C. & N. W. con.	92⅜	100	do.	c. 80
5,000	C. & N. W. conv. coup. g. bds.	88⅜	100	do.	s3. 79⅞
1,000	G. West. 1st	88	600	do.	79⅞
1,000	Gt. West. 2d	83½	100	do.	b3. 79⅞
1,000	do.	83¾	2500	do.	80¼
1,000	Mor. & Es. 1st	106¾	200	do.	s3. 80¼
1,000	Mor. & Es. 2d	100	25	C., C. & I.	76
2,000	S. J. Ga. con.	71¾	5	do.	117⅜
1,000	D., M. & T.	98	100	do.	s3. 79⅞
3,000	C. & Tol. n. bds.	101	100	Union Pac.	b. c. c. 38⅜
1,000	C., C. & I. C.	81	300	do.	38⅜
3,000	C. & C. 2s	96	1500	do.	38⅜
3,000	Can. South. 1st	67½	200	do.	b3. 38⅜
3,000	St. L., J. & C. 1st	96½	900	do.	38⅜
10,000	P. R. of Mo. 1st	79	100	do.	38⅜
6,000	C. P. gold bds.	94	200	do.	38⅜
4,000	do.	94¼	200	do.	s3. 38⅜
500	Ches. & O. 1st s.m.	54	400	do.	38⅜
10	Merchants' Ex.	117	500	do.	38⅜
10	Gold Ex. Bank	115	100	do.	b3. 38⅜
100	Quick. M. Co.	29½	700	do.	38⅜
100	Quick. Pref. c. b.	35½	1400	do.	38⅜
100	Consol. Coal	33	1000	do.	38⅜
500	West. Un. Tel. b. c.	79⅝	100	Chi. & R. I.	b. c. 107
200	do.	79⅞	100	do.	107⅛
200	do.	79⅞	100	do.	107⅜
400	do.	79⅞	50	do.	106⅞
300	do.	79⅝	100	do.	107⅜
100	do.	s3. 79½	200	do.	c. 107
200	do.	c. 79⅝	100	C., M. & St. P.	c. s3. 44⅛
1000	do.	79⅝	100	do.	44⅜
600	do.	79⅜	100	do.	44⅜
100	do.	b3. 79⅜	300	do.	44⅜
500	do.	79⅜	100	do.	s3. 44¼
200	do.	s3. 79¾	400	Ohio & Miss.	b. c. 31½
1400	do.	79⅝	100	do.	s3. 31½
200	do.	s3. 79⅝	200	do.	31⅝
500	do.	79⅝	200	do.	31⅝
12	Adams Express	93½	400	Tol. & Wab.	b. c. 44¼
20	American Ex.	62¾	400	do.	44⅜
9	Pacific Ex.	76	100	do.	44⅜
200	Pac. M. S. S. Co.	b. c. 48	200	do.	44⅜
100	do.	48⅜	200	do.	44¼
400	do.	48⅝	100	do.	s3. 44¼
100	do.	c. 48⅝	1100	do.	44⅜
100	do.	b3. 48¼	1300	do.	44
600	do.	48¼	500	do.	b3. 44
200	do.	b3. 48⅜	500	do.	43⅞
100	do.	b. 48⅜	300	do.	44
100	do.	b3. 48⅝	900	do.	44¼
600	do.	48⅜	900	do.	44¼
200	do.	48⅜	200	do.	44¼
400	do.	c. 48⅜	400	do.	44¼
300	do.	s3. 48¼	200	do.	44⅜
300	N. Y. C. & H.	b. c. s3. 101	300	do.	44
	do.	101⅛	300	do.	44
800	do.	101⅜	100	do.	43⅞
300	do.	s3. 101⅛	100	do.	s3. 43¾
100	do.	c. 101⅜	200	do.	43⅞
100	do.	101⅛	100	do.	b3. 44
100	do.	c. 101⅜	100	do.	44
100	C. & N. W.	b. c. 56⅞	12	C., C. & I. C.	b. c. 32⅜
200	do.	56⅝	100	do.	32⅜
100	do.	c. 56⅞	100	do.	b3. 32¼
300	do.	56⅝	100	do.	s30. 32¼
100	do.	56⅝	100	do.	32⅜
200	do.	s3. 56¾	200	do.	c. 32¼

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$3,000	N. C. 6s, n. J. & J.	21½	1000	N. Y. C. & Hud.	101¼
4,000	do. A. & O.	21½	200	Lake Shore	80¼
10,000	Tenn. 6s, new	68¾	1100	do.	80⅜
200	Erie Railway	38⅜	300	do.	80⅜
100	do.	38⅜	50	do.	80⅜
600	do.	38⅛	400	do.	80⅜
1700	do.	38¼	100	do.	80⅜
900	Western Union	79¾	100	do.	80¼
300	do.	b3. 79⅝	100	Rock Island	106⅞
600	do.	79⅜	100	do.	b3. 107
100	do.	b3. 80	100	North-western	56¼
200	do.	80	200	do.	56¾
900	do.	79⅜	100	North-west. Pf.	72⅜
100	Pacific Mail	b3. 48¼	200	St. Paul	44⅝
100	do.	48¾	100	do.	c. 44⅜
100	do.	48¾	100	Ohio & Miss.	31⅝
100	do.	b3. 48¼	100	Tol. & Wabash	43⅞
200	do.	48¼	100	do.	44
100	do.	48¼	100	do.	44
100	do.	48¼	100	do.	44
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NEW-YORK, WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1, 1874.

AMUSEMENTS THIS EVENING.

ACADEMY OF MUSIC.—La Favorita, (Italian Opera)—Mme. Pauline Lucca, Signors Campanini and Del Puente.

LYCEUM THEATRE.—La Fille de Madame Angot—Mlle. Marie Aimée, M. Juteau.

WALLACK'S THEATRE.—Central Park—Mr. Lester Wallack, Mr. John Gilbert, Miss Jeffreys-Lewis.

FIFTH AVENUE THEATRE.—Charity—Mr. Charles Fisher, Mr. Frank Hardenberg, Miss Ada Dyas.

UNION SQUARE THEATRE.—Led Astray—Miss Rose Eytinge, Mr. Stuart Robson.

BOOTH'S THEATRE.—Zip; or Point Lynde Light.—Miss Lotta.

THE COLOSSEUM.—Cyclorama of Paris by Moonlight—Music, &c.—Afternoon and evening.

WOOD'S MUSEUM.—Dramatic Performance afternoon and evening. Curiosities.

OLYMPIC THEATRE.—Vaudevills and Novelty Entertainment.

NIBLO'S GARDEN.—Davy Crockett—Mr. Frank Mayo, Miss Rosa Rand.

BRYANT'S MINSTRELS.—Farces, Singing, Comicalities—Messrs. Unsworth, N. Seymour, and others.

COOPER INSTITUTE.—Lecture by Prof. R. A. Proctor—"The Coming Transit of Venus."

SOMERVILLE ART GALLERY.—Exhibition of Paintings.

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The contest in Massachusetts for Mr. Sumner's vacant post makes no perceptible progress, one way or other. Mr. Dawes still leads in the balloting, which thus far is almost a matter of form, the friends of each candidate remaining firm, and no outsider having as yet made his appearance. Judge Hoar's friends declare that they will not withdraw, and they refer to the "jockeys and thieves who have sought and are still seeking to control" the Republican Party. So that it appears New-York has not a monopoly of the bad characters thus denounced. The Massachusetts papers generally seem to be rather at sea in reference to this struggle, and even the Springfield *Republican* has not ventured upon any prediction since it announced that both Mr. Dawes and Judge Hoar were practically out of the field. We hear a great deal of the "best sentiment" of Massachusetts—how is it that it does not manifest itself upon such an occasion as this? Is a Republican of the Bay State to be regarded as no better than one of the wicked?

It is satisfactory to find that the members of the Legislature have found something better to do than abuse the newspapers. The appropriation for the Saratoga Monument being under discussion in the Assembly, yesterday, this dialogue occurred:

Mr. Houghton—Was the gentleman's grandfather a Hessian?

Mr. Waehner—The gentleman gives me credit for having an ancestry—that is more than I can say for him.

Mr. Houghton—My grandfather, Sir, was wounded at the battle of Bunker Hill.

Mr. Waehner—Perhaps the gentleman's grandfather wore a red coat on that occasion.

So long as the members confine themselves to disputes concerning their ancestors, and the color of the coats they wore a hundred years ago, they are not likely to do much harm. We must congratulate the public upon the improvement at Albany.

The Vanderbilt influence is obviously quite as potent in the State Senate as it has proved to be in the Assembly. The State Committee on Cities have retained for about six weeks a bill permitting the Board of Apportionment to reduce the tax levy of this City for the current year. Repeated representations from the executive officers of the City, in regard to the necessity for promptly reporting this bill, have been disregarded, the committee desiring it meanwhile to be understood that they were perfecting the measure in accordance with the public interest. The result of this labor and delay is before us, and nearly all it amounts to is an amendment designed to protect Commodore Vanderbilt in a matter where the law sufficiently protects him already. One of the sources of reduction contemplated by this bill is the omission of the $1,500,000 provided as the year's contribution for the Fourth avenue improvement. This was demanded for the simple reason that last year's appropriation has not been exhausted, and that there is no prospect of the work proceeding so fast as to require any fresh appropriation on the part of the City this year. The Senate Committee on Cities were apparently quite indifferent as to whether their long delay of this bill would result in leaving the people of New-York saddled with a tax of 3.40 per cent., but one point they were resolved upon—namely, that poor Mr. Vanderbilt should not be put to the slightest inconvenience by it. Hence the entirely superfluous clause confirming and continuing "in full force and effect" chapter 702 of the laws of 1872, (Fourth Avenue Improvement act)—a piece of gratuitous servility which might have come appropriately from the divan of an Oriental despot, but which, emanating from representatives of the people of New-York, is a little too bad.

It is asserted in extenuation of Mr. Van Nort's action in the special election in the Twenty-first Assembly District, that Mr. Sullivan was an *independent* candidate. This plea will not pass muster. It was well known at the time that Mr. Sullivan was a Democrat, and that Mr. Horatio P. Allen, the Republican candidate, was a gentleman of the highest character, against whom no objection was or could be urged. He was unanimously nominated by the Republicans of the district, and was heartily supported by the tax-payers, but being opposed by the great power of Mr. Van Nort's department, he was defeated. In this case the Commissioner of Public Works, who has been demanding consideration from the Legislature on the ground that he is a Republican, defeated a Republican candidate for the Assembly. The excuse that he supported an independent nominee can deceive no one as to his motives for his course. Mr. Sullivan was a contractor, and Mr. Allen was not.

A case was tried yesterday in the First District Court which was of some importance from the fact that it will probably decide whether the summary proceedings against disreputable houses, contemplated by the act of 1868, can be maintained. In this case, the action was brought by the landlord, who claimed to have been deceived by his lessee concerning the character of the tenants to whom a portion of the premises were sublet. There was no question from the evidence that the house was one of the most disorderly of those in the Eighth Ward, in regard to which the complaints have been so frequent and emphatic. A decision was given by the jury, under the rulings of Justice Quinn, against the lessee, but it is understood that an appeal will be taken; and the further progress of the matter will be watched with interest. It is of some importance to this community to know whether this evil can be kept within proper bounds or not. Nobody has hoped for its extermination, but it does seem that a rigid enforcement of the law should make it less obtrusive and injurious than it is in certain portions of the City.

The people of the State are to be congratulated upon the fact that the Assembly has ordered the Supply bill to a third reading, for if it had been considered any longer, there is no saying how much the sum total would have been increased by the exertions of Col. C. S. Spencer, whose efforts to deplete the State Treasury have been attended with unmerited success. He got in $90,000 for Dr. Swinburne on some sort of plea that it was due to him for services as Health Officer of the Port, but there is a general impression in this community that Dr. Swinburne and his successor, Dr. Carnochan, were amply repaid by their current receipts for all the time they devoted to the duties of the office. Col. Spencer also got in $500 "extra" compensation to a Clerk of the Assembly. Evidently the member from the Thirteenth City District is too liberal in his views, when dealing with the public Treasury, to be profitable to the people. We hope we shall not be summoned to Albany for saying that.

PARTY AND PEOPLE.

If Republican members of the State Legislature would try to understand that it is in their power either to weaken or strengthen their party, they would probably appreciate more justly the position taken by the Republican press in reference to their proceedings. The public look to them for honest and earnest work. The necessity for an annual session is based upon the theory that the varying needs of the people will be such as to require the aid of their Representatives, and it is supposed that this aid will be afforded in good faith, and that new laws, or improvements in old laws, will be made for the sole benefit of the community at large. It is certainly no part of the theory of our Government that the Legislature should sit for the purpose of harassing our citizens, or of furthering the schemes of railroad monopolists. We may hold opinions which are sadly out of date, and which are clearly very unpopular at Albany—but it is decidedly our conviction that the Legislature of this State should work only for the good of the State, that it should not render itself an object of dread to the people, and that journalists should not be obliged to watch its proceedings day after day for fresh jobs, introduced by enemies of the public, and supported by the formidable power which is scarcely less potent than the Governor himself, and whose avowed mission it is to obtain votes by open bribery.

These opinions, as we say, are unpopular. For venturing to act upon them, we are denounced as traitors to the party, though when corruption became a fundamental part of the principles of the Republican Party we do not know. Our view of the matter is, that public interests are superior to party interests, and upon that we have acted, through good report and evil report, as our older readers will readily acknowledge. Moreover, we believe that in this way we best serve the interests of that great party which has done so much for the nation, and which can only be destroyed by the folly and blindness of its assumed leaders. It can never be said that the people were disposed to be ungrateful or unjust to the Republicans. They have placed them in power again and again; they will still remain true to them if the party is true to itself. They will not support it in wrong-doing, and for our own part, we should not ask them to do so. We cannot stick to our party through thick and thin, right or wrong. Because we cannot do so we have been much abused, but any one who tries to do right, and who is known to be opposed to fraud and jobbery, is sure to be abused. That does not count for anything, one way or the other. The great question for us is, Who is the best friend to the Republican Party—the enemy of corruption, or the friend to it? Mr. Lincoln, and men of his stamp in the Legislature, decide in favor of the latter. Time will show whether we or they are in the right.

It would be very much more convenient for us if we could allow the entire session of the Legislature to go by without saying a word about it—to report its proceedings, and there drop the subject. But we very much doubt whether the public would be benefited by that course. Only great and constant vigilance prevents such schemes from being carried out as that of running a railroad through Fifth avenue, and another through Forty-second street—to say nothing of jobs planned on a more colossal scale. When these outrages are denounced, the Lincolns of the Legislature turn round and say, "You are injuring the Republican Party. Why can't you be quiet?" The reason is that a newspaper owes its first duty to the public, and it would be a gross breach of faith if it were to keep quiet when it discovered that a plot was on foot to rob or cheat that public. A member of the Legislature, like Lincoln, may be faithless to his trust, and incur little or no blame for it. But a newspaper outlives the life of this or that man, and has its character to build up for posterity. We have opposed corruption in every form for nearly a quarter of a century, and there is no line in this journal which can in years to come be produced against its conductors to their discredit. If a history such as this can be construed into faithlessness toward the party with which we have long been associated, so much the worse for the party.

POLITICS IN CONNECTICUT.

If the Democrats do not carry the election in Connecticut on Monday, it will not be from the want of a systematic effort to deceive the people concerning the responsibility of the two parties for recent events. The misrepresentations of the *World* in regard to the action of the Republican Congressmen upon the Currency bill, we have heretofore exposed; but the course of that journal has been more than matched by that of the Democratic newspapers within the State. These sheets have been constantly engaged of late in endeavoring to convince the people that the Republican Party is solely responsible for whatever financial ills may afflict the country, and for whatever corruption may have crept into public affairs. The mode of reasoning by which they seek to maintain this position is both simple and singular. The Republicans have a majority in Congress, and are, therefore, responsible for everything. They know perfectly well that all such iniquities as the back-pay steal were brought upon the country chiefly by reason of Democratic votes, and that upon the currency issue, sections rather than parties have been arrayed against each other. These facts, however, they have carefully concealed from their readers; but the people of Connecticut are not likely to be deceived by the specious arguments of the Democracy.

In taking a general view of the pending questions, a few leading facts which are undeniable should be kept steadily in mind. The Democratic Party, which is now seeking indorsement at the hands of the people of Connecticut, is the same party which was the defender of human slavery, and the obedient servant of Southern slaveocrats. It is under the same influences as it was prior to 1860. It has learned nothing and unlearned nothing from the experience of the last fourteen years. It would not restore slavery, only because it cannot. But it is dominated by the spirit of slavery still, is hostile in every way to the spirit of the new era inaugurated under Republican auspices. It is, moreover, emphatically the party of corruption and dishonesty. It is the party which in the Empire State worshiped at the feet of Tweed, knowing all about him, because it was in full sympathy with his political system. This party was steadily repudiated for many years by the people of Connecticut, and we cannot believe that they will, at this critical moment, turn around and indorse it.

But if general considerations should fail to have a deciding influence, those peculiar to the State itself, and to the pending canvass, should result in a Republican victory. The great bulwark of the purity of elections in Connecticut, and the chief reason of Republican success in the past, has been the Registry law. Take from the Democrats the chance of committing frauds upon the ballot-box, and their prospects are not worth consideration. It is natural, therefore, that they should have a deadly hostility to any measure which tends to preserve the purity of elections. Their love of cheating the people is inherent, and they can hardly be blamed for their repugnance to the Registry law in Connecticut, which prevents them from counting votes as they were not cast, and from counting votes which were never cast. That they will repeal the Registry law if they secure the Governor and Legislature, is as certain as any event in the future can be. The less discreet of the leaders and newspapers of the party have plainly foreshadowed this policy, and the feeble denials of the more sensible portion of the press and leaders of the party count for nothing. The Republicans of the State must, therefore, on this issue face the fact that the result, not only of the contest of the present year but of future years, depends upon the vote of Monday. Let the Democrats gain absolute control of the State, and the Republicans must expect to be manacled for many years to come by all sorts of frauds upon the ballot. This one consideration should induce every Republican in the State to go to the polls on Monday, and do his utmost to prevent the introduction of that era of fraud upon which the Democrats are intent.

If the preservation of the Registry law will not induce the Republicans to go to the polls, let them remember that Democratic success means William H. Barnum in the United States Senate. The Democrats have put this high place up at auction, as the Prætorian Guards did the Roman Empire, and Mr. Barnum, the present member of Congress from the Fourth District, having the longest purse, is to carry off the prize in case the Democrats secure the Legislature. His career in the House of Representatives has not shed lustre upon his State. He is not likely to be creditable as a Senator. It is a striking proof of the decadence of Democracy that honest men of nerve and sense, like Mr. Eaton, are put aside for a man like Mr. Barnum, whose only merits are his large railroad interests and the capacity of his purse. But if the Republicans do not wish to have this man in the Senate of the United States, they must make every effort to prevent the Democrats from getting control of the Legislature. In the close towns, they must omit no effort which may be necessary to secure the member. It is in these towns that the contest in Connecticut is to be fought on Monday. Let the people remember that a Democratic Legislature means the repeal of the Registry law, and Barnum in the Senate. If Republicans keep these facts in mind, we cannot doubt that they will prevent the threatened misfortunes.

THE DOGS OF WAR LET LOOSE.

The voice of the *Herald* is for war. It has conceived the happy idea of opposing inflation, which is popular in the West and South, by threatening a civil war unless inflation is abandoned. This is a method of treating a great question in legislation and politics quite characteristic of the paper, and worthy of the acute perception and sterling judgment of its "intellectual department." As an earnest of what it prophesies, the *Herald* devotes many columns a day to abuse of those portions of the country which are supposed to favor inflation. This is its naïve way of helping to realize its own predictions. It taunts the West with its comparative poverty, and the South with its defeat in the late war, and though it acknowledges "the topic to be unpleasant and almost unpatriotic," it strings out a long list of alleged benefits conferred on the West and South by the North and East. It calls the recent action of Congress a "repudiation, a covert kind of theft," "a violation of precepts as old as Sinai"—whatever it may mean by that, for we were not aware that Moses said anything about repudiation. "Inflation," it cries, "means war—civil war pressed upon the Atlantic States by the West and South-west." And it asks with more than its usual incoherency, "Shall the West be allowed to consummate this crime against the outcries of all the old States which made the West what it is?" Crime of any kind is bad, but we suppose "crime against the outcries of all the old States" is peculiarly bad. The mere contemplation of it seems to have thrown the *Herald* into a paroxysm which calls for instant medical aid.

We hope the Western and Southern Senators perceive the gravity of the situation. War is unquestionably imminent. If it comes, and the *Herald* takes the field with its entire corps of European correspondents brought up as a reserve, so to speak, from Brooklyn, and throws into action its "intellectual department," the conflict will be one of which this country has seldom seen the like. We assure Senator Morton and his friends that they may have to meet very different antagonists from the cowardly "Sons of Liberty" with whom they dealt during our recent war. Here is a specimen of the mode of attack the inflationists will have to face:

"The West is not sensitive as to honesty. Honesty is a dull virtue that will not thrive in the broad and breezy area of the prairies, to which nature has denied the glory of trees in order that the world might more readily admire the freemen of those plains, the sprouting and towering splendor of Morton, and the velvety, mushroom-like coming up of Logan."

This, our friends should take notice, is only a foretaste of what is to come when the war really breaks out. We do not doubt the courage of either of the gentlemen named by our contemporary, but they may be pardoned for shrinking from such an assault as this. We shall not blame them if they feel the terrors of a writer before whom all ordinary disguises fall away, and who relentlessly traces the dishonesty of the West through the mysterious want of trees, across "the broad and breezy area of the prairies," directly to the persons of his victims. What could a writer do, "drunk with rage and battle," who is capable of such things when intoxicated only with the milder stimulants of peace and Ann street?

Here is another specimen:

"No people can ever consent to be absorbed absolutely by a neighboring people whose economical conditions require a totally different life and different laws; and least of all will the people of the thirteen States who gained their freedom from England in their infancy consent to become a mere fringe on the garment of a semi-barbarous empire occupying the Mississippi Valley. Yet that is what the Atlantic States must become if the legislation now begun in Congress is followed to its legitimate consequences. In the vote on the Four Hundred Million bill there is a sound of the tramp of armed men; and there are all the noises of war together in the legislation which the West still proposes to force on the nation."

Looking at all this seriously, it is as wicked as it is stupid. If our people were in fact clannish, passionate, selfish, quarrelsome, as this line of treatment implies that they are, such articles by our newspapers would be the first step toward civil war. That our people are not what the *Herald* takes them to be—a set of Corkonians and Far-downers on a large scale, wild to break each other's heads—but are, instead, intelligent Americans, with common interests and patience enough to work out problems of government together; in brief, that the *Herald's* articles are idle exhibitions of folly, does not make them the less discreditable. We sometimes say of a man that, though he is a knave, at least he is not a fool. No such defense can be made in this case.

RAPID-TRANSIT BILLS.

The time has come for the Legislature to take some decided action in regard to the question of providing the means of rapid transit in this City. Much as we have found to condemn in the action of the Assembly Railroad Committee, we thoroughly approve of their determination to sanction no scheme which provides for the expenditure of City money in the construction of local railroads. We only wish the Senate Committee had shown as much respect for at least one principle demanded by public interest. There are now three bills before the House providing for local steam railroads to be built by private capital. One is the amended charter of the Gilbert Elevated Road; the other is the scheme of the Third Avenue Street Railroad Company, and the third is the bill of the New-York and Harlem Railroad Company. Should the Beach Pneumatic Company agree to build their Broadway Underground Road without the aid of public money, there will be four parallel rapid-transit railroad schemes at the service of the people of New-York.

With the route of the Gilbert Elevated Road the public are tolerably familiar. It has been frequently described in these columns since it was first designated by a Board of Commissioners, among whom were Gen. Dix, Gen. Arthur, and Col. Stebbins. It is emphatically a west-side road, following in its lower section the line of West Broadway and Sixth avenue, and reaching the Harlem River at King's Bridge, after traversing portions of Eighth and Ninth avenues. This company was incorporated in 1872, and the manner of constructing its road, the style of its supporting columns, and other details of the scheme have been pretty thoroughly canvassed since then. The Commissioners who designated the route are men in whom the public have entire confidence, and, apart from the guarantees provided in the original charter against any injustice to public or private interests, we have the further guarantee provided by a careful study of the subject by gentlemen of ability and integrity that all possible care has been taken to reduce any unavoidable injury to adjacent property to a minimum. In short, considering our scant experience in such matters, the charter of the Gilbert Elevated Road has been framed with all reasonable precautions against abuse, and the company ought to be allowed, under the extended time applied for, to proceed with the work.

The charters which it is proposed to grant to Mr. Vanderbilt and the Third Avenue corporation contain no clauses designed for the protection of the public. In fact, nobody representing the property-owners to be affected by the construction of these roads, or the City at large, has been heard in regard to their details. Had the committee been desirous to do impartial justice to all parties in the matter, they would certainly have given a hearing to other interests besides those representing the corporations applying for the charters. At the same time, in regard to this, as well as closely-related subjects, even that section of the public directly menaced by these bills display a great deal of apathy while the attacks on their property are in progress. Both bills have been printed, and freely circulated for a week past; their provisions have been from time to time explained in our Albany dispatches, and yet the Legislature has not received, either from the representatives of the City or of adjacent property-owners, any protest or suggestion for amendment.

We give in another column an outline of the leading provisions of both the bills referred to. Their most obvious defect is the looseness with which the most extensive privileges are defined. Here is a clause, for example, which occurs in precisely the same phraseology in both bills: "The said corporation may take and occupy a space not more than fifty feet in width, upon and along the street surface, or elevated surfaces of the line or lines heretofore described, and also make the necessary connections, stations, platforms, turnouts, switches, and conveniences for the proper working and accommodation of the structure and railway herein authorized to be constructed and operated. The said corporation may, however, purchase, take and occupy such space or grounds at the several termini of the said railroads *as may be deemed necessary* for their accommodation." This may be all requisite enough for the proper carrying out of a plan of rapid transit, but it is simply monstrous to expect the City of New-York to allow some of its most crowded thoroughfares to be thus occupied at will by two perfectly unscrupulous sets of monopolists.

In nearly every clause of these bills, which are obviously the work of the same draughtsman, there occur some such dangerous concessions, which, in responsible hands, might be secure against abuse, but which, if left entirely to Mr. Vanderbilt and his engineers, might result in the virtual confiscation of public and private property worth millions of dollars. It will be necessary to use every means which the City can command to defend the public against these charters, unless their execution is placed in the hands of public servants who can be held to a strict public accountability. We want either Mr. Eastman's salaried Board of Railroad Commissioners, or a board composed of the leading executive officers of the City, acting along with an advisory Board of Engineers, to see that the public is protected against spoliation by these corporations. The plans of the roads in question, and of any others that may be authorized, ought to be submitted to such a board; their consent ought to be necessary to taking every extra foot of street surface, and before disturbing any owner of private property in the enjoyment of his rights. It is impossible for the Legislature, by any amount of caution in defining the privileges granted under these charters, to protect the public against being cheated. But by making a set of responsible public officers the judges of the privileges that can safely be granted, they will afford the best possible guarantee against wrong being done under cover of the law.

A PATENT FOR SUPPRESSING CRIME.

As we have had occasion once or twice to reflect somewhat severely on the lawlessness prevailing in Missouri, and the apparent impotence of the present State Administration to punish or suppress it, we feel the more pleasure in announcing the vigorous action lately taken by Gov. Woodson to restore order. Whenever hitherto any particularly flagrant outrage was committed, it has been the habit of this singularly able and efficient Magistrate to issue at once—being waked up for the purpose—a proclamation setting forth the extreme incorrectness of wrong-doing, and requesting the perpetrators not to repeat it. This device, however admirable and ingenious in theory, failed so produce any decided practical effect. Such is the hardheartedness of Missouri bandits and murderers, that even proclamations fail to melt their perverseness. Gov. Woodson has, therefore, hit upon a new plan, which is, if possible, even more brilliant and ingenious, and which is confidently expected in the course of a few years to render Missouri nearly as quiet and orderly, and altogether as desirable a place of residence, as the Kingdom of Ashantee itself.

This improved method of suppressing crime is somewhat elaborate and complicated, but that is one of its principal merits. Its working is as follows: When a murder, for example, is committed in any county, the Sheriff does not hastily summon his posse and go forth and arrest the murderer. It has been found, from experience, that in such cases the prisoner is usually lynched by a zealous mob, and the Sheriff and a few of his deputies promiscuously shot just to add éclat to the occasion. Naturally the Sheriff disliked this part of the proceedings, and hence the change. He now quietly sits in his office and "calls the attention" of the Governor to the fact that such a crime has been committed in his county. Then the Governor, being waked up as before, "calls the attention" of the Legislature to the facts set forth in the accompanying communication from the Sheriff of such a county, and the thing is done. The Legislature directs its Clerk to put the communication on file, and justice is avenged.

The first opportunity to display the working of the new system appears to have occurred in Howell County, where, on the 18th instant, one Mr. William Monks, of West Plains, found it necessary to shoot Mr. James Miller in the head. Having performed this duty, Mr. Monks knew perfectly well that so long as he remained free and armed all Howell County would go in awe of him, while the moment he permitted the Sheriff to take him, all Howell County would join with equal cheerfulness in lynching him on the spot. He, therefore, judiciously chose the former alternative, and since the 18th has been riding merrily round the country, with 300 armed friends, complaining bitterly that he is unable to obtain justice. Had he contented himself with thus standing upon his rights, all might have been well. The Sheriff would have given thanks that he was well rid of a rogue, and the repose of the Executive need not have been broken. As is too often the case, however, the rash zeal of an unfortunate friend has called upon Mr. Monks' devoted head all those newly-invented terrors of the law which we have explained.

Last Thursday night, Mr. John Nicholson, at the head of thirty good men and true, rode into West Plains and proclaimed that they were going to visit upon Monks the justice whereof his ungrateful country so cruelly bereaved him. They further announced to sympathizing crowds in such bar-rooms as they honored with their patronage, that "the Sheriff and the other county officials and prominent men of West Plains were a band of conspirators, sworn to take the life of Monks," and that they, the good men and true, "had them spotted and intended to kill the last one of them." Having made known this cheering news, Mr. Nicholson and his merry men rode to the Sheriff's office, and sarcastically begged him to arrest them. But as this alluring request was coupled with an expression of intention in case he did so "to shoot him and clean out the town," he prudently refrained from compliance. Then the gallant thirty rode off, remarking, as they took their last drink, that they were really three hundred, not including Monks, and that they were shortly coming back in force.

It may be the fear that this second visit might make him forget his duty so far as to arrest Monks; it may be that the natural indignation of a public officer at being asked to do an act inconsistent with his position, exhausted this worthy Sheriff's patience. At all events, invoking the assistance of the prosecuting attorney and the County Clerk, he solemnly proceeded to "call the Governor's attention" to Mr. Monks and company. The Governor, though naturally weary after his unusual exertions in leveling proclamations at the Iron Mountain bandits, nobly responded to the appeal, and without so much as a wink, at once "called the attention" of the Legislature. We presume, therefore, that it is all up with Mr. Monks, and that, without unusual luck, he will not be able to kill more than half the citizens of Howell County before receiving the justice now so ungraciously denied him. For Mr. Nicholson and the trusty 300 we anticipate no better fortune, and if a sufficient amount of attention is called to them, it seems unlikely that the bandits of Iron Mountain will be able to retain possession of the major part of the State more than a few years longer. Perhaps on the whole, however, if the Missouri Legislature would pass the bill organizing the State Militia, it might be as effectual in suppressing lawlessness as even Gov. Woodson's patent.

THE ATTACKS ON COMMISSIONER SMITH.

Bishop Whipple has addressed the following letter to the editor of the St. Paul (Minn.) *Press*:

FARIBAULT, March 26, 1874.

My Dear Sir: Some one has sent me a St. Paul paper of March 25, which arraigns me before the public as guilty of falsehood. I have never been the habit of answering any attacks upon myself. So far as my office or acts belong to the public, I am liable to criticism. I answer this accusation only because others are interested. The paper in question says that the statement "that Mrs. Smith's insanity has any connection with her husband's public life is untrue," and "the further statement ment that any attacks have been made on the wife of Commissioner Smith is known to be basely false." In January I received a letter from a gentleman who believes Mr. Smith is dishonest, and has so stated publicly, in which he says: "I pity Smith deeply, the more because his wife has been taken to an insane hospital. She must have known that all was not right." In December, another gentleman, who believes in Mr. Smith's honesty, but thinks he made a mistake in the sale of the pine, wrote to me of Mrs. Smith's insanity: "Worn out with labor, and in the absence of her husband, the myriad of slanders against him fell like molten lead on her quivering nerves, and she succumbed. Pray for the poor woman, that she may be comforted." I received about this time another letter expressing great sympathy for Mrs. Smith, and indignation that the charge had been made that her name had been placed on the pay-roll to connive with her husband to defraud the Indians. I do not feel at liberty to publish private letters without the consent of their authors. I will simply say that they are gentlemen of the highest character, and their names and letters can be seen by any one who has the right to ask for them. When I wrote my letter to the *Press* I mentioned my belief in Mr. Smith's innocence of intending to defraud the Indians, because my silence would have been construed as evidence of my belief of his guilt. While investigations were pending I had no right to speak, but in discussing this sale I owed it to myself and to him that I should state my honest convictions. The duty was plainer because Mr. Smith was a clergymen of another religious body, and holding the views which I did of his honesty, my silence would have been a great wrong to him. No one watched his course while Indian agent more closely, and no one could feel a deeper interest in the Indian's welfare. Gentlemen residing in the Indian country who differed with him as greatly as I do as to the sale of pine, have avowed to me their confidence in his integrity. I may have erred as to the necessity of expressing any opinion concerning him, but where the character of another is at stake, I trust that no fear of personal censure will keep me from the expression of my convictions. I perhaps ought to say that in my letter I had no reference to articles in the public press, but to the information which had come to me.

With kind regard, yours faithfully,
H. B. WHIPPLE.

THE IOWA FIRST CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT.

The Chicago *Tribune* says that it is understood that George W. McCrary and John H. Gear will be the candidates for the regular Republican nomination for Congress in the First District of Iowa, and that the issue between them will be on the question of the power, which McCrary's bill declares to be solely in Congress, to regulate railroad tariffs. Mr. Gear was Speaker in the Iowa Legislature this year, and he takes the negative to McCrary's affirmative. Politics in this district will be very sharp contest." There was a small Anti-Monopoly majority in the vote of the district for Governor, last year, against McCrary's 4,200 majority in 1873, and Gear takes the Anti-Monopoly side of the question.

THE SOUTH'S FAILURE.

C. C. Memminger, the first Confederate Secretary of the Treasury, has written a letter in response to Gen. Joe Johnston's charge that the South failed in the war through the blunder of its "Government" in not possessing itself of the cotton crop then in the hands of the planters. Mr. Memminger says:

"The Confederate Government was organized in February, the blockade was instituted in May, thereby leaving a period of three months in which the whole cotton crop on hand, say 4,000,000 of bales, ought, according to the military financier, to have been got into the hands of the Confederate Government, and to have been shipped abroad. This would have required a fleet of 4,000 ships, allowing 1,000 bales to the ship. Where would these vessels have been procured, in the face of the notification of the blockade? and was not as much of the cotton shipped by private enterprise as could have been shipped by the Government? When so shipped, the proceeds of the sale were in most cases sold to the Government in the shape of bills of exchange. The superior advantage of this plan is evinced by the fact that, throughout the year, the Government exchanged its own notes for bills on England at par, with which it paid for all its arms and munitions of war.

Of course this vast amount of cotton could only have been procured in one of three ways—by seizure, by purchase, or by donation.

Certainly no one, at the first inception of the Confederacy, would have ventured to propose to seize upon the crop then in the hands of the planters, and which furnished their only means of subsistence.

Could it not, then, have been purchased?

At the commencement of the Government the Treasury had not funds to pay for the table on which the Secretary was writing, and the first purchases of the Government made abroad were made on the private draft of the Secretary. There was not to be found in the whole Confederacy a sheet of bank-note paper on which to print a note. Forecasting this need, the Secretary had ordered from England a consignment of note-paper and lithographical materials, the vessel containing which was captured on the high seas; and many of the friends of the late Col. Evans, of our city, will remember that he nearly lost his life in the attempt to bring across the lines a single parcel of note-paper. It is within the memory of the printers of these notes that months elapsed before bonds or notes could be engraved or printed; and these constituted our entire currency, How, then, was the cotton to be paid for?

And when the mechanical difficulties were overcome, the financial presented an equal barrier. The scheme for raising money, adopted by Congress, was to issue Confederate notes, funding the redundant notes in interest-bearing bonds; and all payments at the Treasury were made with these notes. The daily demands on the Treasury exceeded greatly the means of supply. Now, if instead of applying the notes to the daily payments required at the Treasury they had been used to purchase cotton, the Treasury would have found itself filled with cotton, without any money to meet the wants of the Government until that cotton could be shipped abroad and sold.

If, instead of payment in notes, the bonds of the Government had been used to purchase the cotton crop, those bonds would have been thrown in the market to meet the necessities of the planters, and their value as a means of funding the surplus currency would have been destroyed. It is obvious to any one acquainted with finance that this would have broken down the Confederate currency within the first year of its existence. Whereas the plan pursued sustained the credit of the Confederacy until broken down by calamities under which no credit could survive.

The only remaining mode in which the cotton could have been procured by the Government was by donation from the planters. So far was this donation from being possible, that the Treasury actually had to issue a circular in response to applications to the Government for aid to the planters in making loans to them, and not a bale of the crop of that year was contributed to the Government. An effort was made to get pledges of the next year's crop in exchange for bonds of the Government. To accomplish this it was deemed necessary to allow the planters to get their own price through their own factors, without allowing the Government to fix its price, and the whole amount thus pledged did not reach $50,000,000, or about two months' expenses of the Government, of which, perhaps, one-third was never received.

Every one conversant with the politics of the day knows that it was the current expectation that the blockade could not be continued for a year. The Confederate Congress were so informed when they adopted the international agreement as to privateers. The Government of the United States equally supposed that the war would be of short duration, as is apparent from President Lincoln's proclamation calling for troops for ninety days. There could, therefore, be no motive to induce the Confederate Government to store up cotton as a basis of credit. When it became apparent that the blockade and the war would continue, the Government then made arrangements for using cotton as the basis of a loan; and the large foreign cotton loan negotiated in Europe by Messrs. Erlanger, furnished abundant resources to the government for its supplies from abroad. But even to the last its power over the crop was restricted by the large quantities held in private hands which could not be purchased at all. At no time that I am aware of was it in the power of the Government to get possession of the cotton crop, unless it had seized the same by force, and by the same force compelled payment in a depreciated currency, a high-handed course which could never receive the sanction of the statesmen who administered our Government. The only approximation to it was in the shape of a tax in kind, when the currency failed to command supplies, and which was made as just and equal as any other tax.

The truth is, that if Gen. Johnston's recollections of history were as vivid as his knowledge of military tactics is great, instead of censuring the financial administration of the Confederate Government, he would have discovered no instance on record where a war of such dimensions, in a constantly decreasing territory, has been sustained for four years by mere financial expedients, without the aid usually derived from taxes—for in the whole Confederate war but one general war tax was levied, and a great portion of that was never collected."

SUMNER AND HOAR.

A letter from Mr. James Redpath, which the Boston *Globe* publishes, contains the following remarkable statement: "At least, up to midnight, yesterday, or as far as I could ascertain, no one in Boston could authoritatively say that Judge Hoar is in favor of Charles Sumner's Civil Rights bill, although the insolent rabble in broadcloth who are insisting that he is the only man worthy to be the successor to the vacant chair, have industriously insinuated the belief that he was selected by the great Senator as the champion of his beloved measure. Less than ten days before Charles Sumner died, he stated that Judge Hoar was still opposed to his Civil Rights bill; and when asked on what grounds that gentleman based his opposition to it, he repeated the reasons that Judge Hoar gave for believing it to be unconstitutional, and his own replies thereto. There is at least one member of the Legislature who knows this fact. Has he reasons to believe that Judge Hoar is converted, or is still unconverted? Has he written to Judge Hoar about it? Did Judge Hoar refuse to reply, or did Judge Hoar dodge the direct question? The public have a living interest in these questions; and if their representatives evade their duties and conceal the truth, they must be called to account for it in public. The anti-slavery element of the Republican Party of Massachusetts cares nothing—or cares very little—about Hoar, or Dawes, or any other politicians; but it does care, very much indeed, to see Charles Sumner's last and crowning work enacted into national law. And they do not care to learn from a Senator's future vote, or a politician's present scheme, that when Charles Sumner, dying, asked Judge Hoar to take care of his Civil Rights bill, he was making his last and a saintly effort to secure a doubtful vote for the negro rather than bequeathing a sacred legacy to a trusted ally."

To this a correspondent of the *Globe* replies on Tuesday: "Now, I do not believe that Mr. Sum

THE SANBORN CONTRACTS.

STATEMENT OF SECRETARY RICHARDSON.

HE ADVISES THE IMMEDIATE REPEAL OF THE LAW—COMMISSIONER DOUGLASS' VIEWS—VALID GOVERNMENT CLAIMS AGAINST SANBORN FOR FIFTY PER CENT. IN CERTAIN CASES.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

WASHINGTON, March 31.—The Ways and Means Committee this morning resumed the Sanborn inquiry. Secretary Richardson voluntarily appeared to make his statement and vindicate himself from all charges of improper action. He declared himself very strongly against the entire system of which the Sanborn contracts were a type. He thought that such a system inevitably brought odium upon the Government, and that the small revenue yielded did not compensate for the public injury. He favored the immediate, unconditional, and absolute repeal of the Sanborn Contract law, and stated that the day Congress should pass a repealing act he would cancel the contract with Sanborn. He was certain that Sanborn could have no claim whatever against the Government should his contracts be canceled. Mr. Richardson declared that he had no personal knowledge whatever, either of the inception of the Sanborn contracts or of the manner in which they were executed. The details concerning them were entirely managed by subordinates. The duties of his station are so great that the Secretary cannot find time to read the papers which are brought to him for official signature, and he is obliged to rely upon the judgment of trusted assistants. This has been the system of business in the Treasury Department from the foundation of the Government. Some conception of the magnitude of the official duties of the Secretary may be formed from the fact that he is required to sign each day about a thousand documents, very few of which he can examine. It happened that the Sanborn contracts were executed before he entered upon the duties of the office of Secretary, and the management of them has since continued according to the ordinary routine of the business of the department. The special letters printed in the correspondence and the general orders concerning which so much comment has been made, were never called to the attention of the Secretary until after they were published during this investigation. Mr. Richardson had little knowledge of their contracts. He stated that he never spoke with any person upon the subject, so far as he could recollect, until this investigation began. He could not recall the conversation to which Simmons referred.

Commissioner Douglass was then called. His testimony went to show that the moneys collected by Sanborn could have been collected by the general revenue officers, and, in fact, were constantly in process of collection. He showed that the amounts collected from the same sources, of repealed taxes, already amounted to $6,000,000. The abolition of the moieties to informers in the internal revenue service had somewhat interfered with that class of collection. Mr. Douglass had seen Sanborn but twice; once, two years ago, when Gen. Butler introduced him, and more recently in the office of the Secretary of the Treasury. When asked why he did not direct the internal revenue officers not to act as the assistants of Sanburn, Mr. Douglass replied that it was not incumbent on him to interfere with his superior officers, and that "authority worked stronger down than up." He said that much of the information concerning the railroads was of record in internal revenue offices. He made the curious statement that the Government has a cause of action against Sanborn for fifty per cent. in all cases where the information was derived from Government officers.

Dispatch to the Associated Press.

WASHINGTON, March 31.—The Committee on Ways and Means resumed this morning the Sanborn investigation. Mr. Richardson, Secretary of the Treasury, was first examined, but nothing of importance was elicited from him, except the expression of a most positive opinion that the law under which the Sanborn contracts were given should be absolutely and unconditionally repealed. He said he had never given any special consideration to the law itself or to the contracts which had been given out under it, but he believed that all laws of that character were impolitic. He had never been consulted by his predecessor, Mr. Boutwell, in reference to the law, or to the contracts, but he was aware that Mr. Boutwell had always had the same aversion to the law as he himself had. He had never spoken with Sanborn about his contracts, and had never been approached by any other person in Sanborn's behalf. He knew absolutely nothing of the details of the matter. Any papers or documents which he had signed he had signed in the ordinary routine of business, without giving them special attention. He had no recollection of his interview with Simmons in Boston in which Simmons said he had been instructed to aid Sanborn, but he did not question the correctness of Simmons' statement in that connection. He was examined at some length by members of the committee, but could give little further enlightenment on the Sanborn matter than is embraced in the foregoing synopsis. So little did he appear to know of the matter that one of the members of the committee (Mr. Beck) remarked in the subsequent proceedings that he had not pressed the Secretary further because he was ashamed of the ignorance which the Secretary manifested.

Mr. Douglas, Commissioner of Internal Revenue, was next examined by the committee. He stated that he had never been consulted by the Secretary or the Solicitor of the Treasury in regard to the land, or the contracts given under it, and knew nothing of the latter, unless as they came incidentally to his knowledge in the course of the proceedings. He stated that the delinquent income taxes and the legacy and successive taxes, and the taxes on railroad dividends, &c., which are embraced in the Sanborn contracts, were all being collected through the regular offices of the Internal Revenue Bureau, where these contracts were made, and when the instructions were issued by Mr. Banfield, Solicitor of the Treasury, to Mr. Bliss, United States District Attorney at New-York, and to the Supervisors and Collectors of Internal revenue, directing the latter not to receive payment in the cases embraced within those contracts. Those instructions had not been issued through him, nor had they ever been communicated to him, unless as he learned about them casually. He had then, on the 1st of October, 1873, written a letter to the Secretary of the Treasury in regard to these instructions. That letter was referred by the Secretary to the Solicitor of the Treasury, and had never been answered by the latter. The Solicitor had told him subsequently that the letter had got into some pigeon-hole, or been mislaid, or been referred to some subordinate, so that he (the Solicitor) had not attended to it, and had not answered it, and that he did not know how to answer it.

Mr. Douglas also stated that according to his view of the law no suits could be brought for recovery of internal revenue taxes except by his authority. He did not consider that the Solicitor of the Treasury had any right to instruct Mr. Bliss to bring suits as he had done in regard to matters under the Sanborn contracts. He (Mr. Douglas) had never given such authority, and had no knowledge of suits having been commenced until the investigation had developed the fact. He was very positive in the belief that there was no difficulty in having all these delect taxes collected in the regular course of business, and as to ascertaining the unpaid legacy and succession taxes he exhibited to the committee a book in which assessors were required to keep records of all estates of deceased persons that were liable to taxation. He knew nothing personally of John D. Coughlin, who had been assistant assessor of the County of New-York, but if that official had done his duty faithfully, and kept such a book correctly, all the information in regard to unpaid legacy and succession taxes was in his hands, and in the hands of the Internal Revenue Bureau, and there was no difficulty about it. He did not believe in the policy of the law under which the Sanborn contracts were given out. It gave a monopoly to three persons, and thus intensified the meanness of the informer and spy system. He had never been consulted about or asked to recommend the passage of such a law, although he had been under the impression that he had been called upon by Mr. Sanborn, and that Gen. Butler had recommended him. Still, since having seen Mr. Sanborn lately, he did not appear to be the same person whom he had in his mind. Mr. Douglas was very frank and explicit in his statement, and appeared to have made a very favorable impression on the committee.

Frank M. Green, one of Sanborn's agents, who operated among the Western railroad companies, was recalled by Mr. Foster, who read a letter from J. M. King, Acting Collector of the Indianapolis District, stating that Green had represented himself there as a special agent of the Treasury Department, and had denied all knowledge of the Sanborn contracts. This Green again positively denied.

L. Y. Mitchell was called to prove that Green had had at one time stated that his letter from the Secretary of the Treasury was obtained by the influence of Gen. Butler, but he could not remember any such statement.

The investigation is to be resumed to-morrow.

THE TRIAL IN BROOKLYN.

THE INDICTMENT NOT SUSTAINED—DECISION OF THE COURT—THE DEFENDANTS ACQUITTED.

The United States Circuit Court, Brooklyn, was crowded at noon yesterday by a number of interested spectators, who were there to listen to the continuation of the trial of Messrs. Sanborn, Hawley, and Vanderwerken, charged with having conspired to defraud the United States Government of large sums of money in the collection of legacy and succession taxes, &c. On the previous evening, Mr. Benjamin F. Tracy, counsel for the defendants, contended that the indictment was defective, inasmuch as there was a variance between the contract in the indictment and that offered in evidence, and on that point the Judge reserved decision until yesterday. At 12:10 o'clock P. M. Judge Benedict entered court, and the jury having answered to their names, the Judge at once proceeded to read the following decision on the point raised by the defense:

"The objection made by the defense to the introduction in evidence of what has been designated as the Sanborn contract, was urged upon the ground, among others, that the indictment states the contract different from that offered in evidence by the Government. This objection was taken advantage of to present to the court at this early stage of the trial a question, apparently the test question of this case, and which has been so treated by both sides. I remark that it it is not to be supposed that it was intended by this indictment to charge the defendants with a conspiracy to defraud the United States by obtaining, in a lawful manner from the Treasury of the United States, sums of money due and payable by virtue of a lawful contract. The only theory of the prosecution, therefore, which can be gathered from the language of the indictment, is that notwithstanding the contract made with Sanborn in respect to certain taxes, it was still the duty of the regular revenue officers to collect those taxes, and that the contract gave Sanborn no right to any portion of such taxes as should be collected by the revenue officers without his assistance in such collection. The charge intended to be stated, therefore, is that after the execution of the contract a corrupt agreement was made between Sanborn and the revenue officers named, that those officers should not do their duty in collecting those taxes, but should receive them as agents of Sanborn, and hand the money over to him, in order that he might transmit it to the Secretary of the Treasury, and thereby be enabled to claim and receive under color of his contract money to which he was not entitled, and the United States thereby defrauded thereof. The contract is referred to in the indictment as one of the means used to accomplish the conspiracy charged, but there is no averment that the contract was an illegal one, nor is the crime charged that of obtaining the contract by false and fraudulent representations. The contract is conceded to be a valid contract, and to have been in existence and effect at the time of the alleged conspiracy, but it is described in the indictment as a contract whereby Sanborn became entitled to fifty per cent. of such taxes only as should be discovered, collected, and recovered by him, Sanborn, and which he should assist the officers in recovering. The contract under consideration, with its attendant documents, are offered in evidence in support of this averment. Being thus called upon to determine the legal effect of the contract made with Sanborn, I have examined its provisions. The conclusion that the contract which Sanborn obtained does not limit his right to a portion of such of the taxes therein named as might by means of his aid, thereafter rendered, be recovered, but that upon the execution of this contract Sanborn acquired the right to receive upon the collection of the taxes included in his contract the stipulated portion of such taxes, however and by whomsoever collected. The contract was claimed by Sanborn, and awarded by the Secretary, upon the ground that Sanborn had already discovered the indebtedness to the United States of the parties named, and that these taxes were being withheld. In its express terms confers upon Sanborn the right to collect the taxes due from parties designated by name, and it then expressly declares that whenever any money shall be collected for the persons named, either by legal proceedings conducted by the proper United States Attorney, or by settlement, as compromise of said claims, there shall be paid to Sanborn out of such money, as fast as collected, fifty per cent. of the amount, which is nowhere in the contract described as compensation for services to be rendered in the collecting of the indebtedness, which was taken to have been discovered by him. Such a contract does not support the averment in the indictment; and with such a contract conceded, I am of the opinion that this prosecution must fail. The theory upon which the indictment is framed depends upon a misconception of the scope and effect of this contract, and the error seems fatal to the charges in this indictment. Such being my opinion upon what is conceded to be a decisive point in the case, I do not consider the other points of the objection."

District Attorney Tenney said it was due to himself and to his office to call attention to a circular which was published in the New-York *Herald*, soliciting subscriptions toward the prosecution of this case. He denied all knowledge of the circular; he did not deem any assistance necessary, as he thought he had a good case, and notwithstanding the decision of the court, he still thought so.

Mr. Tracy said it seemed to him from the beginning that the prosecution was founded on the most marvelous misunderstanding of the contract. He never had any doubt of the result of the case when submitted to a judicial test. Sanborn, he said, was never guilty of fraudulent practices. The Secretary of the Treasury was informed of all transactions, and no deception was ever practiced upon him by Sanborn or the revenue officers. He requested the court to direct the jury to acquit the prisoners.

The Assistant District Attorney seemed to disagree with the ruling of the court, but the Judge directed the jury to return a verdict of "not guilty" upon the indictment, which was accordingly done, and defendants were discharged.

A. & W. SPRAGUE & CO.

PROCEEDINGS IN BANKRUPTCY COMMENCED.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., March 31.—Proceedings in bankruptcy against the A. & W. Sprague Manufacturing Company were instituted to-day by the National Bank of Commerce, and citations were issued, but are not yet served upon the defendants. The announcement of this proceeding this morning caused intense excitement among business men all day, and extraordinary efforts were made to induce a suspension or discontinuance of the proceedings. A call for a meeting of the stockholders of the bank to request the Directors to suspend action has been signed by the representatives of 12,000 shares, all who could be reached to-day. It is understood to-night, however, that the pressure has been unavailing, and no agreement to stop proceedings has been secured. The trust mortgage will have been in force four months to-morrow.

WHAT HAS BEEN DONE BY THE TRUSTEE.

The Providence *Journal* of Tuesday says: "During Mr. Chafee's four months' service as Trustee under the mortgage, he has put again into profitable activity the idle wheels of business, giving renewed employment to 12,000 people, preserving the property from depreciation, introducing economy into the various departments of the vast concern, and, it is believed, gradually getting the business upon a basis that would give good promise of ultimate liquidation of the entire indebtedness of the house. Mr. Chafee has evidently devoted himself to the work with great zeal and energy, and with an eye to the earliest possible settlement of the immense and complicated estate consistent with the best interests of all the creditors, whose representative and servant he is. To interrupt his operations now by proceedings in bankruptcy, involves no slight responsibility. The mills and print-works must stop, whole communities of work people must be discharged, and the complicated affairs of the house must become the subject of litigation that may outlast the generation."

STATEMENT OF MR. CHAFEE.

The *Journal* also publishes the following report, addressed by Mr. Chafee to the creditors of the company:

When I accepted, on the 1st day of December, 1873, the position of Trustee, under the Sprague deed of mortgage, I entered upon the discharge of my duties with a firm resolution to administer my trust faithfully for the interest of creditors, and with a determination to be governed by the preferences of the mortgagors as to my policy only in so far as their wishes were in accord with as prompt a settlement of the claims of creditors as was practicable. I am able to say, that in all respects the pledges made by the A. & W. Sprague Manufacturing Company and A. & W. Sprague to the general meeting of their creditors, that their property and their best energies should be devoted to the payment of their creditors, have, up to this time, been entirely fulfilled, and I have been seconded by them in every particular. The record of my administration may be thus briefly stated: Two hundred and twelve creditors, including several of our city and country banks, representing in the aggregate nearly $4,000,000 of indebtedness, have accepted the notes secured by the trust mortgage in exchange for their claims, and a large number of creditors, including banks and savings institutions, in addition, have signified their intention to exchange their paper immediately after the 1st of April. The business of the mills and print-works has been conducted thus far with a reduction of expenses equivalent to a saving of $350,000 per annum. The profits from the business from the 1st day of December to this date assure me that I could pay to-day, if it were due, the interest on the mortgage notes which will become due on the 1st day of July next. I have arrangements in contemplation and in progress for the disposition of a large amount of valuable property not required for the manufacturing business, which I confidently believe will enable me to pay a dividend to creditors on the 1st of July next. I have been able to obtain my supplies for the mills and print works upon terms as favorable as any other purchaser in the market, and I am encouraged to believe that I have the confidence of the community generally in my firmness and integrity. I have made the foregoing statement for the reason that I have been officially informed by the President of the National Bank of Commerce in this city, that that institution will file a petition in bankruptcy this morning against the A. & W. Sprague Manufacturing Company. I wish the responsibility for this act to rest where it properly belongs. More than 12,000 persons, including men, women, and children, are in the employ of the company, and are dependent upon the mills and print works for their daily bread. Upward of 15,000 people derive their entire or chief support from the industries connected with the business. Upon the filing of the petition I must close the various works and turn these people out of employment. The immediate loss which this will entail upon creditors will amount to at least a quarter of a million of dollars, and the calamitous consequences which will ensue to the operatives every mind can picture for itself. I will not yield to this necessity until I have declared my firm conviction that the A. & W. Sprague Manufacturing Company would, in the absence of proceedings against it in bankruptcy, be able to pay and discharge in full within a reasonable time every dollar of its obligations. Z. CHAFEE, Trustee.

MARCH 31.

THE ERIE STRIKE.

THE SITUATION AT SUSQUEHANNA DEPOT.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

SUSQUEHANNA DEPOT, March 31.—The excitement over the machinists' strike has calmed down, somewhat, since last night, and it is expected that by to-morrow the dispute will be definitely adjusted. This morning the paymaster finished paying the men. In the afternoon, the 1,300 men, who have all been discharged from the service of the company, formed in procession, and headed by a brass band, paraded through the town. After passing over an extended route, the processionists halted in front of Skinner's Hall. Addresses were made by Nolan and Lee, who have been prominent leaders in the strike. It was resolved that if the company wished to employ them again it be in a body. When the meeting had ended the malcontents were addressed by Vice President Clarke, who stated that he hoped the trouble had been removed, and that the company was willing to re-employ some of the men if they were willing to abide by rules and regulations as previously promulgated. The strikers listened to the gentleman with apparent indifference. Notices are posted about the town advertising for hands. Vice President Wright and Clarke state that if the men do not go to work to-morrow morning the shops will be closed. Should this occur the larger proportion of the strikers, who are residents here, would have to remove elsewhere, and the town would be ruined. There is a strong feeling against Howard Fry, master mechanic, who has rendered himself very offensive to the men by his actions during the stand-out, and a movement is on foot to remove him from the position. A meeting having this object in view was held by the strikers this evening. The soldiers are anxiously awaiting an order to go home. The men of the First Regiment, who are mostly leading business men in Philadelphia, are especially anxious to get away, as their business needs their attention.

GOV. HARTRANFT ON THE ERIE TROUBLE.

PHILADELPHIA, March 31.—Gov. Hartranft arrived in town to-night, and will remain until to-morrow. In conversation to-night he stated he had heard nothing further relative to the trouble at Susquehanna Depot. There are at that point about 800 troops, including the First Regiment, of this city. Gen. Osborne, in whom the Governor has great confidence, has entire control of the military. He thinks that the Thirteenth Regiment will have to remain until the latter part of the week, although he is sorry they will have to stay so long, because of their hurried departure. He thinks there will be no further trouble as long as the military remain, but is not so sanguine as to the results after they leave. His presence in the city has no connection with the trouble at Susquehanna.

ORIGIN OF THE TROUBLES.

A correspondent of the Scranton (Penn.) *Republican* describes the origin and progress of the troubles between the employes and the company, as explained to him by the Chairman of the former: "During the past Winter the mechanics were working on three-quarter time, and even at the small rate of wages they could earn, it frequently ran into the third month before they could get their pay, and then there was no fixed time for paying. On or about the 3d of February the men struck for a regular pay-day, and the matter was settled by the company stating that they would make the 15th of every month pay-day in future, and that they would give the men their February pay on the 15th of March. The men resumed work, and on the 15th of March the same notice was given through the officials that in consequence of certain embarrassments into which the company had fallen in New-York they could not pay before the 25th. The men accordingly yielded the ten days' grace, and when the 25th came a notice appeared on the bulletin board in the shop to the effect that the paymaster had commenced paying elsewhere, and that those along the line who were paid first on last month would be paid last this time, and *vice versa*. This notice was eagerly scanned, and its contents spread through the entire range of shops as rapidly as a wave of fire sweeps over the parching prairie, the men taking it as an insult. Accordingly, pursuant to a resolution adopted on the 16th, work was immediately suspended by the 1,100 men, the fires raked, a mammoth steam-whistle was blown, the officials forced from the shops, mill-band and lathe and wheel were thrown idle, and the entire works cleared and under complete control of the men in about twenty minutes. In addition to striking for a regular pay-day, the mechanics also demand regular apprenticeship in the shops instead of employing unskilled labor, as at present, to do the work of mechanics; they also want to be paid up to date, and receive at the rate of time-and-a-half for all overtime. The regular monthly pay of the employes in and around the machine shop averages $50,000. The population of Susquehanna Depot is about 8,000, nearly all of which is dependent on the earnings of the men employed in the Erie Railroad Company's machine-shops."

THE PANIC IN LONDON.

THE LONDON TIMES ACKNOWLEDGES THE EXISTENCE OF A FINATCIAL PANIC.

LONDON, April 1—6 A. M.—The *Times* acknowledges the existence of a financial panic in London, and attributes it to the effect of those with which New-York and Vienna have been visited, combined with the depressing influences of the Indian famine. It says the check to trade is probably as severe as in any former instance.

SPAIN.

REINFORCEMENTS ON THE WAY TO SERRANO AT BILBAO.

MADRID, March 31.—Troops to the number of 15,000 are on the way to reinforce Marshal Serrano.

It is reported that the Carlist Gen. Ollo has been killed. The final attack on Abanto will be made on Tuesday or Wednesday.

OBITUARY.

ADELINE PICKERING.

Died, March 19, 1874, Adeline Pickering, in the sixty-ninth year of her age, widow of the late William Langdon Pickering. This estimable lady was a native of our county. She was the daughter of Hon. Abraham H. Schenck, of Matteawan, the proprietor and founder of the extensive manufacturing establishments on the Matteawan Creek so well known in business circles. Mr. Schenck held many important public stations, having represented our county in the State Legislature, and the State as one of its representatives in Congress, where he enjoyed much consideration and the intimacy of the leading public men of that day. Miss Schenck was married in early life to Wilco Peter Wilkens, a native of Amsterdam, Holland, and son of Hendrick Wilkens, who was Governor of Surinam, Dutch Guiana. His father and grandfather had preceded him as Governors of that rich and important colony, and for generations had cultivated large plantations of sugar.

While traveling in this country for recreation and improvement, young Wilkens, having been entertained at Matteawan, formed the acquaintance of Miss Adeline, the daughter, to whom he was married at the family residence. Their marriage was blessed with two children—the first being a daughter, Annette, who married Henry W. Hicks, son of Samuel Hicks, one of the oldest merchants of New-York City. The second child was a son, who died in his early youth. Mr. Wilkens, on his marriage, took up his residence at Fishkill, on the Hudson, where, for several years, he contributed generously and largely to the elegant hospitalities of our favored region. After his death, about the year 1840, his widow married William Langdon Pickering, grandson of Timothy Pickering, a name so eminent in the early history of our nation. This marriage resulted in one child, a daughter, who married Mr. Fletcher, of Boston. It was at their residence at Brooklyn, Long Island, that the subject of this notice died. After several years of declining health, she finally died, suddenly, of heart disease.

Her remains were interred on Saturday last in the cemetery of the Schenck family, adjoining the old Dutch Church of our village, attended by a large concourse of all our old and respected families, wishing to render honor to her and her respected ancestors.—*From the Fishkill (Dutchess County) Standard, March 28, 1874.*

THE ITALIAN OPERA.

"La Favorita," with Signor Campanini and Mme. Lucca, is to be given at the Academy of Music this evening. A performance of "Aida" Friday, and the matinée recital of "Lohengrin," will bring the present season to a close.

CUBA.

POSSIBLE EVENTS—THE HAVANA LOTTERY—GENERAL GOSSIP.

From Our Own Correspondent.

HAVANA, Thursday, March 26, 1874.

If coming events cast their shadows before, we have Concha's future policy foreshadowed by the *Diario*, whose editor was the Intendente under the former Administration of this General; who has always been thoroughly well-informed, and who also acted on behalf of the Concha family and for their interests. To inaugurate Concha's coming with some éclat, the *Diario* does not attack or defend the policy plainly, but continues to publish lengthy editorials on the campaign, citing innumerable things which ought to have been done, and some which might be. It also gives a long list of what would happen if peace were restored in the island, and points out how quickly the effects of the six years' war would be obliterated, and how all rancor and party hatred would disappear as if by magic. Most people read these articles in a careless and superficial manner, taking them as the simple effusions of its editor, and only intended to fill up the first column of the paper with something not copied from the foreign press. But these articles are written with a grand object in view, and are inspired and indorsed by the leaders of the Spanish party. Their object is to accustom Spaniards and Cubans to the proposed plan of presenting a manifesto issued by prominent Hispano-Cubans, demanding an accommodation between the so-called loyalists and insurgents, to be inaugurated by a temporary cessation of hostilities on both sides, and to be followed by a formal treaty of peace. The basis of such a treaty is to be as follows: First—The island shall remain united to the crown of Spain, and for two years at least after the truce be governed by a military Captain General from Spain. Second—That the slavery question shall not be interfered with except by consent of the slave-owners, and the emancipation of slaves shall be gradual, and subject to such circumstances as the condition of agriculture may require. Third—All parties shall pledge themselves not to interfere with slavery, and the present owners of slaves shall be indemnified for their property whenever emancipation takes place, this indemnity to be paid out of the Treasury of the island, and to be raised by general taxation. Fourth—The Island of Cuba shall pay the salaries of all employes, soldiers and sailors, who may be serving in Cuba, and the eSpanish Government reserves the right of appointment of all employes excepting those belonging to the municipalities; in cases where the island might appoint such employes, the right of confirmation is reserved. Fifth—An effective and active army of 20,000 men and a navy with 250 guns shall be maintained by Spain in the Island of Cuba. Sixth—A general pardon shall be granted for all political offenses, captives being released, and no persons now connected with the revolutionary cause being prosecuted, irrespective of the positions they hold; this amnesty, however, excluding such men as may refuse to lay down their arms, or continue to work abroad in favor of the secession movement ninety days after this treaty has gone into force. Seventh—All embargoed properties shall be restored to their original owners in the condition they are now in, and that no claims for damages shall be presented or be of any value before the Government or the courts. Eighth—All runaway slaves, now serving with the insurgent forces or hidden in the mountains, shall return to their original owners, but receive no punishment; in case they refuse to do so, the Government is to indemnify the owners, taking charge of such slaves as wards and retaining them in its employment until, at a salary regulated by a Junta, they shall have earned sufficient to pay one-half of the indemnity to the owners and receive documents which will give them the same status as free people of color; they shall, however, be obliged to work or else be treated as vagrants. Ninth—All deserters from the Spanish army are to receive a full and unconditional pardon from the Government, but shall be compelled to serve in the army for whatever time may have been wanting to complete their term of service on the day of their desertion, the Captain General to recommend to the General Government that the latter clause be avoided. Tenth—All officers who deserted shall never be entitled to employment, either civil or military, within the realms of Spain, and they shall be liable to punishment by the civil courts if, in addition to the crime of desertion, they have been guilty of an appropriation of public funds intrusted to their charge. Eleventh—Cuba shall be represented in the Cortes of Spain, the members to be elected by the people. Other articles are to be added, but the above are the only ones drawn up until now, and translated from a manuscript copy shown me by a responsible party. The drift of the *Diario's* articles appears to be in accord with a thorough peace policy, as far as consistent with an honorable conclusion of the war for Spain and the Spaniards.

THE HAVANA LOTTERY.

The vendors of Havana lottery-tickets are in luck, as the price of the tickets has been reduced over 100 per cent., and has no longer a fixed value. The buyers, however, are not so lucky, as the premiums have decreased in proportion. A ticket formerly cost $20 in Spanish gold, equal to $18 75 in American coin, and now such a ticket costs only $8 70 in Spanish or $8 15 in American gold, and is steadily declining. The prizes announced are not paid in gold, as formerly, but in a depreciated paper currency, which does not even pass current in the whole of the island, and the main premium of $100,000, although advertised, does not exist, as the holder thereof would receive less than one-half of that sum, or, say $43,478 in Spanish or $40,761 in American gold. If paper continues to decline at the same rate, a deduction of ten per cent. weekly will have to be made from the cost of the tickets and premiums, and a petition will be handed in to the Intendente demanding that a fixed value be established, as otherwise the already-impaired fame of the Havana lottery would disappear altogether, and thus deprive the State of an immense revenue. As most Havana tickets are sold in the United States, it would be well for the buyers of tickets not to allow themselves to be cheated by rascally venders, who pretend that the tickets still cost $20 in good money, and sell accordingly.

WAR NEWS.

The press is almost silent about war news, but private letters are received by the hundred by persons belonging to all political factions, and all tell the same story. In the Eastern Department only skirmishes of slight importance occur, as the bulk of the insurgents operate near Puerto Principe, with two flank armies, one near Holguin and the other near Manzanillo. Gen. Portillo has proven a complete failure as a military man, and, to say the least, has wofully disappointed the hopes centred on him by the Spaniards, and has not yet performed any deeds of great prowess, except by arresting and incarcerating suspected revolutionary sympathizers and Spaniards supplying the insurgents with what the latter may need. A very ambiguous paragraph in the *Voz de Cuba* of this morning gives an account of an engagement at Gusimocha, near Puerto Principe, where the Spaniards were commanded by Brig. Gen. Armiñan, and the insurgents by Gen. Maximo Gomez. Armiñan undoubtedly lost the battle, as a brigade of two battalions, commanded by Brigadier Bascones, left Puerto Principe to succor him, and to join the Spanish forces Bascones had to sustain two engagements. The results of this engagement are not known yet in Havana, although a street rumor gives the Spanish loss at over 400 between killed and wounded. There is no doubt whatever that very important engagements will be fought between now and Winter, and that military success on either side will put an end to the revolution within the next six months. At least, this is the opinion of most people conversant with the strength and probable movements of both armies. In the Cinco Villas the insurgent bands have greatly increased in force, and they burn plantations with almost utter impunity, their last exploit having been the destruction of the Maria plantation at Taguayabou, near Remedios. Several plantations near Cienfuegos have also been set on fire, and on the Eastman plantation, the proprietor, (Mr. Eastman, a Cuban,) his son, and three other men, were killed by insurgents. It is asserted, however, that the insurgents had nothing to do with this act, but that the negroes of the place had committed the murder, in revenge for the extreme cruelty with which they had been treated by the Eastmans. No doubt many crimes ascribed to the insurgents, could be traced to the same perpetrators. Several convoys have lately reached Bayamo, where Gen. Menduina just manages to hold his own. These convoys were not sufficiently large to supply the place for any length of time, and, at last accounts, the people had again been put on three-quarter rations, with every probability of being reduced to half rations within a week. The insurgent bands roaming about Sagua keep the gendarmes in continual movement and the volunteers on the alert, but they are not strong enough to commit any depredations beyond carrying off horses, cattle, and small articles of property.

MISCELLANEOUS GOSSIP.

A number of young foreigners have lately fallen victims to the yellow fever, which on the third or fourth day generally turns to typhus. Among the latest deaths is that of a young German lady from Hamburg, who came here, a few weeks ago, to be married. Mrs. Nieves Costa, wife of Mr. Juan Costa, of the Dominica, and principal owner of the Isle of Pines, died on Sunday last....Salvini continues to perform to medium houses, and will return to New-York, instead of going to Mexico. Mme. Ristori has taken the Teatro Principal, in Mexico, for next September, and expects to act in Havana next February. Salvini ceases performing after to-night, and will begin anew after Holy Week. The enthusiasm with which he is nightly greeted continues unabated, but the audiences are not as large as they ought to be.

TOWN ELECTIONS IN WESTCHESTER COUNTY.

The elections for town officers in the several towns of Westchester County took place yesterday, and, as far as ascertained, passed off quietly. The result could not be learned last evening in time to transmit by telegraph, in consequence of the early closing of the local offices.

In the town of Bedford, the contest for the Supervisorship was between Moses W. Fish, the present Republican incumbent, and Joel Marble. The former is reported to be elected, with the rest of the Republican ticket, as follows: Moses W. Fish, Supervisor; J. C. Adams, Town Clerk; D. M. Miller, Collector; Myron B. Silkman, Justice of the Peace; S. H. Miller, Highway Commissioner; Weeden Fowler and S. H. Miller, Assessors; William A. Miller and Zeno Hoyt, Overseers of the Poor.

In the town of Cortlandt, the candidates for Supervisor were Coffin S. Brown, Democrat, the present incumbent, and Geo. W. Robertson, Republican. The contest is believed to have resulted in favor of Mr. Brown.

In East Chester, the contest between William H. Pemberton, the present Democratic incumbent Supervisor, and Dr. J. E. Nordquist, the candidate of the Republicans and temperance advocates, was reported to be very close.

In Greenburg the present Democratic incumbent Supervisor is probably re-elected.

In the town of Harrison the contest was between Mr. Daniel Gray, Democrat, nominated by a Union caucus, and Mr. Edward Willetts, Democrat, who has represented the town many years, running on the present occasion as an independent candidate. Result not learned.

In the town of Mamaroneck Mr. Charles H. Birney, the present Republican Supervisor, had no opposition.

In the town of Mount Pleasant the candidates were Amos R. Clark, Democratic incumbent, and James Bird, Republican. The town has been represented for many years by a Democrat, and the re-election of Mr. Clark is very probable.

In the Town of New-Castle, Mr. Francis M. Carpenter, the present Liberal Republican Supervisor of the town, was re-elected without opposition, being nominated by the Republicans, Democrats, and Temperance organizations.

In the Town of New-Rochelle, George W. Davids, Democrat, who has represented the town in the Board of Supervisors for several years, was re-elected yesterday without opposition.

In North Castle, Mr. James Hopkins, Republican, is expected to be re-elected Supervisor.

In the Town of North Salem, Odle Close, Republican incumbent, is reported to be elected without opposition.

In the town of Ossining the candidates were Jas. Hoag, the Democratic incumbent, and Lawrence Bostwick, Republican. Result not learned.

In the town of Pelham the contest was between James Hyatt, Democratic imcumbent, and a Mr. Barrell, also a Democrat. Result believed in favor of the latter.

In the town of Rye the candidates were George W. Wesley, Republican incumbent, and Col. Johnson, Democrat. Probable result not learned.

In the town of Scarsdale, Francis Secor, Democrat, who has represented the town for many years, was re-elected Supervisor without opposition, and E. Seaman, Town Clerk; Robert Archer, Justice of the Peace; Charles Carpenter, Assessor; Isaac Lefingy and Peter M. Dobbs, Town Auditors.

In the town of Somers, the contest was between Jesse G. Carpenter, Republican, and indorsed by Democrats, and Stephen Brown, Jr., Liberal Republican, incumbent of the board, who ran as an independent candidate. Result not learned.

In the town of West Chester, the candidates were Hugh Lunny, the present Democratic incumbent, and F. O. Havemeyer, the tax-payers' nominee. The former is probably re-elected.

In White Plains, the contest was between Edmund G. Sutherland, Democratic incumbent, and Elisha Horton, Jr., Republican, indorsed by a portion of the Democrats.

ENTERTAINMENT FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE "FRATERNALS'" SOCIETY.

A large and sympathetic audience assembled at Steinway Hall to hear Rev. Henry Ward Beecher repeat his popular lecture on "The Wastes and Burdens of Society," which was last delivered in this City in the Galaxy Course at the Church of the Disciples. On the platform was quite a number of prominent gentlemen, among them Prof. Theodore W. Dwight, Rev. Dr. Deems, of the Church of the Strangers; Algernon S. Sullivan, Douglas Taylor, and Judge Noah Davis. The lecturer was introduced by Mr. Sullivan, who said that those who notice the placards at the street corners, may, within the last few days, have observed one having no reference to this occasion, saying that on it were a few lines from one of the most pathetic of poems, and which were in full harmony with the spirit of this assemblage. It concluded with the words

"Oh! it was pitiful,
In a whole city full
Home she had none."

It seemed as if the picture-poem could no further go; it sketched a woman without friends, alone, homeless, banished, yet in a great city. She was in need of aid, of words of hope, of comfort, and it was in that spirit that the "Fraternals" of the Church of the Strangers had determined, not quite a year ago, that they would establish a dormitory house, in which night lodgings would be supplied to the friendless women who might apply for such aid. Since that time they had furnished lodgings to 1,200 poor women, and seeing the success of the plan the ladies of Sorosis had lately determined to add a supper and breakfast for each lodger. All concurred that thus far the institution had proved a worthy, economical, and practical plan of Christian benevolence. Their funds had been chiefly derived from lectures and such entertainments, and this of to-night, which was the fifth of the course, would also be the last of the series for this season, an entertainment which the sisters owed to the powerful hand and liberal heart of him whom it was his pleasure now to introduce. Mr. Beecher in rising was generously applauded, and in opening his remarks, said that all nations were somewhat addicted to the habit of criticising the natural conceits of others. We had conceits and faults of our own, and he proposed to speak of some of these conceits and faults to-night. Among the most grievous faults of society were those of waste and burden, waste of the powers and faculties which society possesses, and the burdens which were imposed on society by the weak and misdirected energies of some of its members. In proceeding with his discourse, he classified these into three divisions, the waste and burden of sickness and weakness; the waste or ignorance and the waste of lying. None of these were considered exactly in their literal, but rather in their abstract, senses, and all were copiously illustrated with rough and ready metaphor, intermingled with fine touches of pathos, eloquence, and, at times, of humor. The audience seemed heartily pleased with the entertainment, and frequently applauded the lecturer when he made some of his strong points in his own peculiarly vigorous style.

THE NEW-YORK NATIONAL BANKS.

CONDITION AS REPORTED UP TO FEB. 27, 1874.

WASHINGTON, March 31.—The following is an abstract of the reports made to the Controller of the Currency, showing the condition of the national banks of New-York, at the close of business on Friday, the 27th day of February, 1874:

RESOURCES.

Loans and discounts	$202,058,582 87
Overdrafts	383,175 15
United States bonds to secure circulation	33,833,100 00
United States bonds to secure deposits	650,000 00
United States bonds on hand	5,143,850 00
Other stocks, bonds, and mortgages	5,256,788 27
Due from national banks	10,194,087 33
Due from State banks and bankers	1,901,120 44
Real estate, furniture, and fixtures	8,504,600 01
Current expenses	1,134,561 82
Premiums paid	1,647,482 79
Checks and other cash items	1,546,693 65
Exchanges for Clearing-house	46,387,021 88
Bills of other national banks	4,204,830 00
Bills of State banks	2,340 00
Fractional currency	271,970 78
Specie	24,886,640 09
Legal-tender notes	26,846,542 00
United States certificates of deposit for legal-tender notes	23,875,000 00
Total	$398,328,207 08

LIABILITIES.

Capital stock paid in	$69,235,000 00
Surplus fund	21,937,705 10
Undivided profits	11,462,268 30
National bank notes outstanding	27,085,342 00
State bank notes outstanding	122,835 00
Dividends unpaid

THE REAL ESTATE MARKET.

At the Exchange yesterday, Tuesday, March 31, A. H. Muller & Son, by order of the Supreme Court, in foreclosure, under the direction of Philo T. Ruggles, Esq., Referee, sold three three-story and basement brown-stone front houses, with lots each 19.5 by 100.11, situate on East One Hundred and Twenty-third street, north side, commencing 80 feet west of Fourth avenue, one for $12,900 to E. Loewenfels, one for $13,150 to R. Rockefeller, and the last to John May for $13,050, all the purchasers being second mortgagees. The same firm also sold, under a similar court decree, Wm. Sinclair, Esq., Referee, the four-story high-stoop brown-stone-front house, with lot 19 by 100.5, No. 160 East Sixty-first street, south side, 184 feet west of Third avenue, for $20,240 to Adolf Kaber, plaintiff in the legal action. The brown-stone-front house and lot No. 16 East Seventy-third street, between Fifth and Madison avennes, billed for sale by the same auctioneers, was knocked down for $35,000, but no transfer of title effected.

Dingee, Porter & Co., at a partition sale to close interests, disposed of the following realty: One three-story and basement brown-stone-front house, 19.5 by 46, with lot 100 feet deep, No. 302 East One Hundred and Twentieth street, sout side. 100 feet east of Second avenue, sold for $12,500 to Chas. R. Harvey; one three-story and basement brown-stone-front house, 18.6 by 50, with lot 100.11 feet deep, No. 256 East One Hundred and Twenty-fourth street, south side, between First and Second avenues, sold for $12,300 to J. T. Marks; one three-story and basement brick house, 15 by 45, with lot 100.11 feet deep on East One Hundred and Thirteenth street, south side, 110 feet east of Second avenue, sold for $7,700 to J. Dissoway; one three-story and basement brown-stone-front house, 15.10 by 46, with lot 100.11 feet deep, on East One Hundred and Sixteenth street, south side, 254.2 feet west of Third avenue, sold for $9,300 to same buyer, and three lots, each 22 by 100, on the Southern Boulevard, north-west corner of Lincoln avenue, (Twenty-third Ward,) sold in one parcel for $15,900 to the same buyer. All the purchasers were parties interested in mortgages on the property. Two houses and lots on One Hundred and Twentieth street, adjoining the one first disposed of, and one house and lot on One Hundred Thirty-sixth street were withdrawn.

A. J. Bleecker, Son & White, by order of the Supreme Court, in foreclosure, under the direction of Wm. C. Barrett, Esq., Referee, sold one gore lot, 11.10 by 159.2 by 135 by 100.8, on East Eighty-seventh street, north side, 125 feet west of Third avenue, to John D. Cleary, for $3,000; and one gore lot, 83.3 by 107 by 77, on East Ninetieth street, 36.9 feet east of Lexington avenue, for $1,900, to same buyer. The foreclosure sale of a house and lot on West Nineteenth street, west of Fifth avenue, by the same firm, was announced as settled, and the public auction sale of the property No. 132 East Forty-fourth street, was adjourned for two weeks.

Wm. Kennedy indefinitely adjourned the legal sale of leasehold property on Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth streets, west of Eighth avenue. E. H. Ludlow & Co. offered for sale an extensive list of Jersey City real estate, but withdrew the same for want of adequate bids; and Hugh N. Camp also withdrew the leasehold property No. 9 Winthrop place, this City, as noticed for sale. No other business was transacted.

The auction noticed for Monday, by Dingee, Porter & Co., of lots on One Hundred and Twenty-third and One Hundred and Twenty-fourth streets, the sale to take place on the premises, was adjourned to April 7, the sale to be now made at the Exchange.

TO-DAY'S AUCTIONS.

For to-day, the following auctions are announced: By A. J. Bleecker, Son & White, public auction sale of the three-story and basement brick and brown-stone-front house, 20 by 45, with lot half the block in depth, No. 136 West Twenty-seventh street, south side, between Sixth and Seventh avenues. Also, similar sale of the four-story high-stoop brown-stone-front house, 22 by 50, with lot 50 feet deep, No. 14 East Twenty-eighth street, south side, between Fifth and Madison avenues. Also, foreclosure sale, John J. Thomasson, Esq., Referee, of a three-story and basement brown-stone-front house, with lot 17.11 by 100.11, on East One Hundred and Eleventh street, north side, 520 feet west of Third avenue.

By D. M. Seaman, Receiver's sale, under the direction of John H. Platt, Esq., of five lots, each 25 by 100, on Tenth avenue, west side, 24.11 feet south of One Hundred and Thirty-second street.

By Richard V. Harnett, Supreme Court foreclosure sale, Frank Bendit, Esq., Referee, of the three-story brick-front house, with lot 20 by 100.8, No. 169 East Eighty-seventh street, north side, 200 feet west of Third avenue. Also, similar sale, same Referee, of a house, with lot 20.10 by 98.9, on West Twenty-fourth street, north side, 329.2 feet east of Tenth avenue.

By A. H. Muller & Son, Supreme Court foreclosure sale, John Fowler, Jr., Esq., Referee, of the building, with lot 22 by 72, No. 12 Wall street, north side, between South and Front streets.

EXCHANGE SALES, TUESDAY, MARCH 31.

NEW-YORK.

By A. H. Muller & Son.

1 three-story and basement brown-stone-front house and lot, East 123d st., n. s., 50 ft. w. of 4th av., lot 19.5x100.11..... $12,200
1 three-story and basement brown-stone-front house and lot, East 123d st., n. s., 118.10 ft. w. of 4th av., lot 19.5x100.11..... 13,150
1 three-story and basement brown-stone-front house and lot, East 123d st., n. s., 138.4 ft. w. of 4th av., lot 19.5x100.11..... 13,050
2 four-story and basement brown-stone house and lot, No. 160 East 61st st., s. s., 184 ft. w. of 3d av., lot 19x100.5..... 20,240

By Dingee, Porter & Co.

1 three-story and basement brown-stone-front house and lot, No. 302 East 120th st., s. s., 100 ft. e. of 2d av., lot 19.5x100.11..... $12,500
3 three-story and basement brown-stone-front house and lot, East 124th st., s. s., between 1st and 2d avs., lot 18.6x100.11..... 12,300
1 three-story and basement brown-stone-front house and lot, East 116th st., s. s., 254.2 ft. w. of 3d av., lot 15.10x100.11..... 9,300
1 three-story and basement brown-stone-front house and lot, East 113th st., s. s., 110 ft. e. of 3d av., lot 15x100.11..... 7,700
3 lots, Southern Boulevard, n. w. corner Lincoln av., 23d Ward, each 22x100, sold in one parcel..... 15,900

By A. J. Bleecker, Son & White.

1 gore lot, East 87th st., n. s., 125 ft. w. of 3d av., 11.10x159.2x135x100.8..... $3,000
1 gore lot, East 90th st., n. s., 36.9 ft. w. of Lexington av., 83.3x107x77..... 4,900

RECORDED REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

NEW-YORK.

Monday, March 30.

Bayard st., n. s., 83.4 ft. w. of Mott st., 16.8x 49.11..... $9,500
Bayard st., No. 48, 34x50..... 250
Barclay st., s. s., No. 14, 25x100, 1-7 part..... 9,000
Columbia st., e. s., 60 ft. s. of Broome st., 20x55. 8,800
Forsyth st., e. s., No. 68, 75 ft. n. of Hester st., 25x100..... 16,500
Hudson st., e. s., 111 ft. s. of Morton st., 22x80. 18,500
Ludlow st., Nos. 81 and 83; Broome st., Nos. 244, 246, 259, and 261; Orchard st., Nos. 85 and 87..... 10,000
Rivington st., n. s., 25.1 ft. w. of Ridge st., 24.11 x99.1..... 28,000
8th st., s. s., 83 ft. w. of Avenue C, 25x97.6..... 18,130
17th st., s. s., 175 ft. w. of 9th av., 25.2x92..... 6,000
25th st., s. s., 180 ft. w. of 6th av., 20x98.9..... 13,250
29th st., n. s., 125 ft. e. of 1st av., 25x98.9..... 20,000
36th st., s. s., 80 ft. e. of 7th av., 20x98.9..... 1,000
40th st., s. s., 350 ft. w. of 9th av., 25x100.5..... 20,000
50th st., n. s., 97.4 ft. e. of 1st av., 19.5x100.5, ½ part..... 6,750
56th st., n. s., 100 ft. e. of 9th av., 18x100.5..... 26,000
57th st., n. s., 75 ft. w. of 8th av., 25x100.5..... 48,000
98th st., n. s., 150 ft. w. of 9th av., 27x193.9..... 300
132d st., n. s., 95 ft. w. of 4th av., 20x99.11..... 18,000
New av., n. w. corner of 130th st., 100.5x100.5.. 23,000
Westchester av., n. s., 178 ft. e. of Retreat av., 50x181, Melrose..... 12,900
2d av., e. s., 60 ft. s. of 53d st., 20x95..... 19,000
2d av., n. e. corner of 57th st., 100x78..... 142,500
3d av., s. s., 75 ft. s. of 104th st., 25.11x80..... 28,000
3d av., s. e. corner of 22d st., 22.5x75..... 31,250

Plot bounded southerly by Helen st. 175.5 ft., thence easterly by Morrisania av. three courses 212x54x167, thence northerly by bent line five courses 25x132x158x86x65, Melrose..... 40,000

LEASEHOLD CONVEYANCES.

7th st., s. s., between Avenue A and 1st av. 25 x99.10; indefinite..... $9,075
18th st., n. s., 669.6 ft. w. of 5th av., 21.6x 100.5..... 29,000

LEASES RECORDED.

Canal st., No. 111, 3 years, per year..... $1,800
15th st., n. s., 119 ft. e. of 1st av., 25x103.3, 20 years, per year..... 325
17th st., No. 115 East, 3 years—1 year, $2,500; 2 years..... 2,700
23d st., s. s., 75 ft. e. of Avenue A, 60x98.9; Avenue A, e. s., 24.9 ft. s. of 23d st., 74x75, 5 years, per year..... 1,500
2d av., between 126th and 127th sts., 200 x about 560, 5 years—1 year, $2,500; 4 years, per year..... 2,800

CITY REAL ESTATE.

NO. 939 MADISON AV.—FOUR-STORY HIGH-stoop brown-stone dwelling, 20x50, lot 80; hard wood on three floors, and improving neighborhood; $40,000. Permits of

WM. H. RAYNOR,
No. 5½ Pine st.

FOR SALE—WEST 36TH ST., NEAR 5TH AV., north side, a full-front brown-stone high-stoop house, built in the best manner, in perfect order throughout, frescoed and painted, hard wood finish; a most desirable house and in a splendid neighborhood. Apply to HUGH N. CAMP, No. 106 Broadway.

FOR SALE—A FIRST-CLASS HOUSE, NO. 55 PARK av., between 37th and 38th sts.; brown-stone, high stoop, hard-wood finish; all the modern improvements; sixty per cent. can remain on bond and mortgage. For permits and price, inquire of

E. S. HAYWARD, No. 644 Broadway.

FOR SALE.

The first-class four-story brown-stone house No. 220 West 58th st., close to and in plain view of Central Park. Inquire on the premises.

FOR SALE AT A BARGAIN—THE THREE-story and attic high-stoop brick house in 12th st., just west of 6th av.; lot 25x102.3; neighborhood unquestionable.

HOMER MORGAN, No. 2 Pine st.

NO. 35 WEST 45TH ST.—THIS FIRST-CLASS high-stoop brown-stone house for sale, (College lease;) inquire on premises.

$17,000.—FOR SALE—THE FOUR-STORY brown-stone house, No. 410 East 50th st.; terms easy. Apply to owner on premises.

CITY REAL ESTATE.

FOR SALE OR TO LET.

Two lots south side 15th st., between Avenues B and C.
Five lots north side 46th st., between 1st and 2d avs.
First-class full-size four-story brown-stone house, east side Madison av., between 59th and 60th st.
Two lots east side Lexington av., between 64th and 65th sts.
Four-story brown-stone house, south side 74th st., between Madison and 4th avs.
Three-story brick house, with store, east side Broadway Boulevard, between 77th and 78th sts.
Three-story brown-stone house, south side 80th st., between 4th and Lexington avs.
Three-story brown-stone house, south-west corner 80th st. and Lexington av.
Two four-story brown-stone houses, south-west corner 86th st. and 4th av.
Three-story brown-stone house, south side 112th st., between 4th and Lexington avs.
Three-story brown-stone house, north side 116th st., between Lexington and 3d avs.
Two lots, north side 122d st., between Avenue A and 1st av.
Three-story house, south side 128th st., between 4th and Madison avs.
Three-story brown-stone house, south side 131st st., between 4th and Madison avs.
Apply to JOHN HAYES, No. 11 Pine st., or north-west corner 78th st. and 2d av.

NO. 20 EAST 45TH ST.—FOUR STORY, HIGH stoop, brown stone, finished in the most substantial manner, built for the owner and extra fitted up; this house must be sold, and can be bought at a figure which will pay the purchaser a large profit within five years, notwithstanding the crushing of the New-York *Herald*. RIKER & CO., No. 5 Pine st.

FOR SALE OR TO RENT—THE FIRST-CLASS four-story high-stoop brown-stone house, No. 14 East 31st st.; house 23x60 feet; will be sold with or without furniture, or rented, with the elegant furniture. Apply to HOMER MORGAN, No. 2 Pine st., or H. R. DREW & CO., No. 3 West 23d st.

FOR SALE—AN ELEGANT FOUR-STORY HIGH-stoop brown-stone dwelling, 18x63, lot 100 5-12, No. 220 West 46th st., between Broadway and 8th av., just completed, in perfect order for immediate occupancy; cabinet finish in parlor and dining-room. Inquire of W. H. GEDNEY, Builder, No. 143 West 40th st.

FOR SALE—A FIRST-CLASS THREE-STORY brown-stone house on 56th st., near Lexington av.; finished in hard wood; in perfect order; price, fully and beautifully furnished, $25,000; unfurnished, $22,000. B. W. WILLIAMS, No. 837 6th av.

BARGAINS FOR CASH.—TAKE YOUR CHOICE; 20 first-class brown-stone, 18 rooms, superior-built tenements; rent, $3,210; finely located lots above park. Address Owner, No. 207 West 38th st.

POSITIVELY A BARGAIN—A THREE-STORY high-stoop brown-stone house, 20x45x100, 129th st., near 6th av. Boulevard. Only $14,500; terms very easy. LAURENS PIERCE, No. 106 Broadway.

FOR SALE—FIRST-CLASS HOUSES NOS. 203 AND 207 West 45th st.; price, $21,000; also, No. 247 West 44th st.; price, $15,500. Inquire on premises.

MUST BE SOLD—A FIRST-CLASS FOUR-STORY medium-size brown-stone house on 45th st., near 5th av., in perfect order.

B. W. WILLIAMS, No. 837 6th av.

FOR SALE—A PLOT OF TWENTY LOTS ON 86TH and 87th sts., near 2d av. Apply to ADRIAN H. MULLER & SON, No. 7 Pine st.

BROOKLYN REAL ESTATE.

FOR SALE—A HANDSOME THREE-STORY BROWN-stone house: all improvements; excellent neighborhood; easy walking distance from ferries; reasonable price; very easy terms; income only required; whole or part of furniture can be purchased if desired; possession soon, as death in family necessitates change.

WM. CALLENDER, No. 106 Broadway.

COUNTRY REAL ESTATE.

STATEN ISLAND.—IMMEDIATE SALE OF ONE of the most beautiful situations on the south side of the island, containing about six acres highly-improved land, with excellent stabling and coach-house accommodation under one large roof.

It is situated at the corner of Richmond and Sea avs.; was formerly owned and built upon by J. F. D. Lanier, Esq., but owing to the house having been recently destroyed by fire the present owner desires to sell the property as it is, rather than undertake the trouble of rebuilding.

In the midst of a select neighborhood, and standing on elevated ground, with a charming view of the ocean, which cannot be intercepted, it is in every way suited for first-class residences, which could be built to moderate expense, since a large quantity of brick still remains on the premises. It is also well adapted for public park; price, $12,000; $4,000 cash, balance on bond and mortgage. Apply to

J. BULLOCKE, No. 191 Church st., New-York City.

FOR SALE OR EXCHANGE—PROPERTY known as Mount Florence Mansion. A most desirable and valuable country seat, near Peekskill, on the Hudson, about 800 feet above the river. Charming views of mountain, river, lake, and island scenery; 70 to 80 acres of finest land, all highly and elegantly improved; location healthful and beautiful, and near country seats of Rev. Henry Ward Beecher, lawns, avenues, and walks embellished with large and beautiful shade-trees, evergreens, terraces, fountains, marble statuary, &c.; mansion large and elegant; contains twenty-five rooms, all modern improvements, walls frescoed, hot and cold water, elegant chandeliers, Baker & Smith's heater, conservatory, billiard-room, two bowling-alleys; large barns, carriage-house, carpenter's shop, blacksmith's shop, gas-house, poultry-house, granary, smoke-house, ice-house, &c.; farm-house, summer-house; lake, and three streams abounding in fish running through the property. Everything in complete order and ready for immediate occupancy. The property is in every respect one of the handsomest places near New-York, and will be sold far below its value and on very favorable terms.

HUGH N. CAMP, No. 106 Broadway.

FOR SALE—ON THE HUDSON, TWENTY-EIGHT miles (one hour and ten minutes) from New-York, a charming country-seat, modern house, gardener's cottage, a beautiful farm and poultry-house, with about twenty acres of land; the place has no superior on the river for beauty of situation, perfect health, pure water, and is entirely free from chills and fever; fruits in great variety in full bearing; lawn shaded by evergreens and elms, large garden stocked with small fruits, grapes, &c.; protected from the north winds by a wooded hillside, with graded paths to the summit, from the view of mountain and river is unequaled in extent and beauty by any private place on the Hudson. Large photographs can be seen at Homer Morgan's. For further information apply to W. R. DEAN, Nyack, or HOMER MORGAN, No. 2 Pine st., New-York.

FOR SALE OR EXCHANGE—FOR GOOD CITY income-paying property on the east bank of the Hudson, one hour from New-York, a country seat of about forty acres and large river front. In complete-ness, mansion, out-buildings, lawn, shade, fruit, (out and under glass,) unsurpassed anywhere; this property, built and perfected by the owner and occupant, is valued at $60,000, for occupation at once, and will be sold on favorable terms, with early possession; for a public institution, college, or otherwise, this estate cannot be surpassed within 100 miles of this City; or will be exchanged for good warehouse property, well located and well rented; if positive rent-roll; if not disposed of by sale or exchange, will be let to a strictly private family for the season or year; rent, $5,000. Apply to HOMER MORGAN, No. 2 Pine st., or EDMUND COFFIN, No. 77 Cedar st.

SUPERIOR COUNTRY SEAT FOR SALE on the banks of the Hudson, at Hyde Park, two and a half hours from New-York, with 150 acres of choice land, mansion, and out-buildings; large river front, boat and bathing-house, fish right, &c. This place was the country residence of the late James Boorman, where comfort, luxury, and elegance are still to be found, and is now offered at about one-half its original price. Carriages, harness, live stock of all kinds, tools, utensils, furniture in mansion, cottages, lodge and contents of green and grape houses, are now offered for sale at a decided bargain, by direction of the executors. A full description may be had and photographs seen at the office of

HOMER MORGAN, No. 2 Pine st.

AT MONTROSE STATION, SOUTH ORANGE, N. J., sixteen trains each way daily.—For sale or to rent, a very attractive cottage with eight rooms and all modern conveniences of gas, water, bath-rooms, &c.; only five minutes' walk from station; no nuisances of any kind; neighborhood unexceptionable; fine lawn and shade trees; rent, $1,600 per annum. Can be seen by applying to Capt. CLARKE, whose residence will be pointed out by the station-master, or HENRY A. PAGE, No. 64 White st., City.

FOR SALE OR TO RENT—AT RYE, WESTchester County, N. Y., handsomely-furnished cottage, with outbuildings and three acres of ground, with good water front, an extensive view of the Sound and adjacent country. Also, several building sites for sale adjoining the above. Inquire of J. & W. SIDNEY Mitton, N. Y., or R. STUYVESANT, No. 72 Broadway, New-York.

ON THE SOUND.—FOR SALE—A SHORE PROPerty of unrivaled attractions, whether as a rural retreat for a man of wealth, a site for a first-class hotel, a model farm, or for a club of gentlemen to hold in common, as it contains a number of fine building sites. Distant three hours from the City. Fine stock, horses, house furniture, and farming apparatus complete. X. Y. Z., Box No. 2,397 City Post Office.

A VERY DESIRABLE COUNTRY RESIDENCE and twelve acres of land, at Mamaroneck, Westchester County, on the New-Haven Railroad, twenty miles from New-York, one mile from depot; house contains twenty rooms; handsomely located on high ground. Price $12,500; terms very easy.

JOHN S. PIERCE, No. 106 Broadway.

FOR SALE—OUT OF TOWN, FOR $30,000, A MAGnificently-furnished house on Broad st., Newark, N. J., within three minutes of depot; the house is a two-story French roof, with extension; sixteen rooms, gas, water, and all modern improvements; grounds 42x135. Call on THEODORE CURRAN, Nos. 8 and 9 College place, New-York.

A SPLENDID MODERN-BUILT BRICK house, in Dobbs Ferry-town, within ten minutes of depot; has all improvements and in complete order; piazzas surrounding the house; unsurpassed views of the river; fine lawn, with abundance of shade-trees and choicest fruit; stable and carriage-house. Possession immediately, and terms to suit. JOHN C. GRAFF, 294 Broadway.

10,000 ACRES TENNESSEE LAND, AT 25c. per acre; 67,000 West Virginia, (one tract,) at $1; 10,000 Missouri, $2 to $20; 5,000 Arkansas, $2; 3,000 Iowa, $6 to $12; nice residence and grounds at Griffin, Ga. Apply to E. G. SHEPPARD, Agent, No. 19 Broadway.

FARM FOR SALE—102 ACRES, IN GOOD CULtivation, 3½ miles from Richmond, Va.; new house and barn, two young horses, two cows, fowls, &c. Price, $6,000; $2,000 cash. Must be sold on account of death of the owner. For further particulars apply to

F. WISSLER, No. 12 Broome st.

AN ELEGANT COUNTRY SEAT, ON THE Sound, near Southport, Conn., for sale, consisting of forty acres, large house, barn, bowling-alley, draperies, &c.; splendid beach and bathing; extensive water view; $50,000; will divide if necessary.

BELLAMY BROTHERS, No. 5½ Pine st.

FOR SALE—A VALUABLE WATER-FRONT, BEtween Fort Lee and Bull's Ferry, directly opposite Manhattanville; forty acres, with about 560 feet on the Hudson River and all the riparian rights secured. For full particulars apply to HOMER MORGAN, No. 2 Pine st.

FOR SALE—COUNTRY SEAT IN SCARSDALE Westchester County, twenty-two acres of land; all high ground; beautiful and extended prospects; modern house, built by City mechanics; perfectly healthy; no mosquitoes. For full particulars and photographs, call on ADAMS BAILEY, No. 55 Liberty st., Room No. 13.

ORANGE, N. J.—COUNTRY HOUSES, LANDS, and village lots for sale; a great variety. Also, furnished and unfurnished houses to let for season or year. WALTER E. SMITH, formerly Blackwell & Smith, Orange corner Main and Cone sts.

COUNTRY REAL ESTATE.

FOR SALE—PLAINFIELD, N. J.

One of the most attractive places in the above city. House built in the best manner for owner's use four years since; commodious, with all improvements, and in complete order; grounds tastefully laid out, with fruit and shade trees; carriage-house, stable, billiard-room, &c., &c. Price reasonable. Terms to suit. Address PLAINFIELD, Box No. 102 *Times* Office.

FOR SALE—AT PASSAIC, N. J., FORTY MINUTES from Chambers st., large and elegant residence, containing fourteen rooms, with all modern improvements; coach-house, stable, chicken-yard, &c.; ground consists of fifteen City lots, beautifully laid out and stocked with fruit and ornamental trees; within four minutes' walk from depot; price $19,500; terms easy. Address W. B., Box No. 978 Post Office, New-York.

A COMFORTABLE HOME AT A LOW PRICE. —For sale, three-story brick house No. 105 Washington st., Newark, N. J.; gas, water, &c.; lot 27x125 feet; has fruit, &c. SAMUEL EDDY, No. 1 Park place.

BALTIMORE CITY PROPERTY.—ONE OF the most valuable lots in heart of city for sale by E. G. SHEPPARD, agent, No. 19 Broadway.

REAL ESTATE AT AUCTION.

ADRIAN H. MULLER, Auctioneer.

ATTRACTIVE SALE

OF

EIGHT VERY VALUABLE LOTS

ON

GRAND BOULEVARD AND SIXTY-NINTH ST.,

AND

TWENTY VALUABLE LOTS ON 10TH AV.,

76TH AND 77TH STS.,

BY ORDER OF R. A. WITTHAUS, ESQ.,

Adrian H. Muller & Son will sell at auction, on THURSDAY, April 9, at 12 o'clock, at the Exchange Sales-room, No. 111 Broadway, the following-described real estate, viz.:

GRAND BOULEVARD.

The four EXTRA-SIZED lots on the south-east corner of Grand Boulevard and 69th st., and also the four full-sized lots on south side of 69th st., in the rear of the Grand Boulevard lots.

10TH AV.

Eight lots, comprising the entire easterly front on 10th av., between 76th and 77th sts.

76TH AND 77TH STS.

Six lots on the north side of 76th st., and 6 lots on the south side of 77th st., in the rear of the 10th av. lots, and near

THE CENTRAL PARK.

Sixty per cent. may remain on bond and mortgage.

Maps at office of auctioneer, No. 7 Pine st.

H. HENRIQUES, Auctioneer.

BY ALLEN, DOOLEY & HENRIQUES.

Office No. 96 Broadway.

JONATHAN W. ALLEN, WILLIAM A. DOOLEY, HORATIO HENRIQUES.

REAL ESTATE AT PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SALE.

THURSDAY, APRIL 2, 1874,

at 12 o'clock, at the Exchange Sales-room, No. 111 Broadway,

PARTITION SALE—BY ORDER OF THE HEIRS OF JOHN ODELL, DECEASED.

THIRD AVENUE—Two-story store and dwelling, brick and frame house and lot, No. 797 3d av. Size 25.5x92.

THIRD AVENUE—Two-story store and dwelling, frame house and lot, No. 799 3d av. Size 25.5x92.

EAST FORTY-NINTH STREET—Three-story and basement dwelling, brick house and lot, No. 205 East 49th st. Size of house, 22x35; lot, 22x50.5.

Sixty per cent. can remain on bond and mortgage.

ALSO,

PARTITION SALE—BY ORDER OF THE HEIRS OF HUGH McCAFFRY, DECEASED.

EAST THIRTY-EIGHTH STREET—Three-story, cellar, store, and dwelling brick house and lot, No. 206 East 38th st., with four-story brick house on rear. Size of house, 21x38; rear, 21x20; lot, 21x84.

EAST THIRTY-EIGHTH STREET—Three-story and basement frame house and lot, No. 210 East 38th st. Size of house, 18.3½x40; lot, 18.3½x100 and 101.6.

EAST FORTY-FIRST STREET—One-and-a-half-story brick and frame house and lot, No. 221 East 41st st. Size of house, 22x40; lot, 22x100.5.

Fifty per cent. can remain on bond and mortgage.

ALSO,

EXEMPTORY SALE ON VALUABLE UNIMPROVED PROPERTY ON 47TH, 48TH, MADISON, AND 7TH AV., BOULEVARD AND 77TH ST., BETWEEN MADISON AND 5TH AVS.

FIFTH AVENUE—One lot, south-east corner of 5th av. and 77th st. Size, 27.2x100.

MADISON AVENUE—One lot, east side of Madison av., 78 feet 8 inches south of 75th st.

FOURTH AVENUE—One lot, south-west corner of 4th av. and 101st st.

FOURTH AVENUE—One lot, west side of 4th av., 50 feet north of 104th st.

SEVENTH AVENUE—Three lots, west side of 7th av., 25 feet 2½ inches south of 111th st.

SEVENTY-SEVENTH STREET—One lot, south side of 77th st., 100 feet east of 6th av.

Maps and particulars at the office of the auctioneers, No. 96 Broadway.

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT, Southern District of New-York.—In Bankruptcy.—In the matter of ABRAHAM BININGER and ABRAHAM B. CLARK, bankrupts.—Notice is hereby given that by virtue of an order of this court duly made on the 24th day of January, 1874, the undersigned, by E. H. Ludlow & Co., auctioneers, of Merchants' Exchange Sales-rooms, No. 111 Broadway, New-York City, on the 25th day of March, 1874, at 12 noon, the following described property, viz.: A tract of land containing 117 acres, situate in Briar Creek of Big Coal River, in the County of Kanawha, and State of West Virginia, and which is bounded and described as follows, to-wit: Beginning at the little fork of Briar Creek, just below the road crossing the same, at Adam Griffith's to John Turley's, at the lower side of a branch, thence up the point on the lower side thereof, so as to include all the waters of said branch, thence along the dividing ridge between the waters of Alum Creek and Briar Creek, (except the head of a hollow which heads against the pinnacle;) said line is to cross said hollow one hundred yards from the brow or cliff, part of said hollow, thence running said divide again, including all the waters of Briar Creek until coming to Griffith's road on the mouth of said creek, thence down the branch, including all the waters of the same, just above the beginning, thence down the creek to the beginning, including all the waters on both sides to its head.

Terms of sale cash. Sale to be confirmed by the court.—Dated Jan. 24, 1874.

JOHN BININGER, Assignee.

BANGS & NORTH, Solicitors for Assignee, No. 137 Broadway, New-York City.

The above sale is adjourned to April 1, 1874, at the same time and place.—Dated March 25, 1874.

JOHN S. BEECHER, Assignee.

BANGS & NORTH, Solicitors, &c.

By JAMES M. MILLER, Auctioneer.

THURSDAY, APRIL 9,

At 12 o'clock, at the Exchange Sales-room, No. 111 Broadway:

No. 513 EAST 120TH STREET—The commodious, extra well-built and desirable mansion, with greenhouse, stable, and five lots of land, now owned and occupied by Wm. H. Stairs, Esq., situate on the north side of 120th st., 123 feet east of Avenue A, the grand eastern boulevard; the house is 32x38, with an addition 22x38; has all the modern improvements, and is in first-class order and condition; stable, 24x38, is built in a substantial manner and upon the latest and best approved principles. This is one of the finest locations in the second, Third, and Fourth Avenue cars, or by boats, which make thirty trips each way daily, and by this route thirty minutes from Fulton Ferry. The above mansion, house, stable, and grounds are all in first-class order and condition, and ready for immediate occupancy. Sale peremptory without reserve. For maps, permits, and particulars apply at the office of the Auctioneer, No. 111 Pine st.

A. J. BLEECKER, Auctioneer.

SUPREME COURT SALE OF VALUABLE PROPERTY ON WALL AND CHERRY STS.

A. J. BLEECKER, SON & WHITE will sell at auction on THURSDAY, April 2, 1874, at 12 M., at Exchange Sales-room, No. 111 Broadway, under the direction of Philo T. Ruggles, Esq., Referee, the following desirable property in the First and Fourth Wards, viz:

WALL STREET—Three-story brick building and plot Nos. 73 and 75 Wall st., south-west corner Pearl st., size 40.4 front on Wall st., 40.10 rear, by 6.8 and 4.4 deep.

CHERRY STREET—Premises No. 15 Cherry st., south side, near Dover st., size 25 feet front by 65.6 and 73 feet deep.

N. B.—The above property, which has been adjourned several times, WILL NOW BE POSITIVELY SOLD.

Maps at No. 35 Pine st.

A. J. BLEECKER, Auctioneer.

EXECUTORS' SALE OF VALUABLE IM- PROVED PROPERTY.—A. BLEECKER, Auctioneer, will sell at auction, on THURSDAY, April 16, at 12 o'clock, noon, at the Exchange Sales-rooms, No. 111 Broadway, the following desirable improved property:

No. 35 MURRAY STREET—Brick house, No. 60 Church st., forming an L.—Lot and superior five-story store, with basement and subcellar, covering the entire lot.

No. 12 UNION SQUARE, between 14th and 15th sts.—Lot and good four-story brick building, with basement and cellar. For maps and particulars, inquire at the office of the auctioneer, No. 35 Pine st., or of Ira O. Miller, No. 160 Fulton st.

A. J. BLEECKER, SON & WHITE, Auctioneers.

THURSDAY, APRIL 2,

At 12 M.,

At Exchange Salesroom, No. 111 Broadway, New-York, two two-story frame houses, on lot No. 216 South 10th st., near 5th av., Brooklyn; front house 22x36; rear house and cellar 22x15; both in good order, and connected with sewer; a good investment for person of moderate means. 16th st. is sewered, curbed, guttered, and flagged; maps at No. 35 Pine st.

A. J. BLEECKER, SON & WHITE, Auctioneers.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1.

ELEGANT BROWN-STONE HOUSE.

At 12 M., at Exchange Sales-room, No. 111 Broadway, four-story high-stoop brown-stone house and lot, No. 14 East 28th st., south side, between 5th and Madison avs.; size, 21.6x80; contains all modern improvements, and in perfect order. Maps at No. 35 Pine st.

WOOD, BRADY & TODD, Auctioneers.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1,

DESIRABLE RESIDENCE ON WEST 20TH ST., at 12 M., at Exchange Sales-room, No. 111 Broadway:

Three-story high-stoop brick house, No. 310 West 20th st., south side, between 8th and 9th avs.; size 25 x35, lot 25x91.11; house contains all the modern improvements, and is in fine order; Clements C. Moore lease, thirteen years from May, 1874, at $150 per annum ground-rent; terms favorable.

Maps and particulars at WOOD, BRADY & TODD'S, auctioneers, No. 9 Pine st.

THOMAS WILSON, Auctioneer.

WILL SELL AT AUCTION, ON WEDNESDAY, April 1, 1874, at 12 o'clock noon, at the Exchange Sales-room, No. 111 Broadway, New-York City, by order of Robert Gibson, Assignee in Bankruptcy, the three-story and basement brown-stone house, No. 211 East 62d st., New-York City; lot 18.7x100.5 feet.

ROBERT GIBSON,
Assignee of Dunbar & Jackson.

HUGH N. CAMP, Auctioneer.

WILL SELL AT AUCTION, ON THURSDAY, April 2, 1874, at 12 o'clock, at the Exchange Sales-room, No. 111 Broadway:

FIFTY AVENUE—Two full lots, corner side, 25.2½ feet south of 125th st., size 50.2x100 feet each.

REAL ESTATE AT AUCTION.

A. J. BLEECKER, Auctioneer.

ESTATE OF THE LATE DR. VALENTINE MOTT

Trustees', Executors' & Referees' Sale

SUPREME COURT.

HENRY A. MOTT, as Executor, &c., of VALENTINE MOTT, deceased,

against

A. J. BLEECKER, SON & WHITE will sell at auction on THURSDAY, 30th April, 1874, at 12 o'clock, at the Sales-room, No. 111 Broadway: About 100 LOTS OF GROUND on the GRAND BOULEVARD, between 93d and 94th sts., and on the 11th and 12th avs. and Hudson River, on 94th, 95th, and 96th sts., together with all the right, title, and interest which the said Valentine Mott had in his lifetime, and which is now vested in his heirs and devisees to the land under water in front of the bulk-head on the Hudson River.

Also,

The large store and lot No. 25 PARK PLACE, and the store and lot in rear, No. 22 MURRAY ST., between Broadway and Church st.

Also,

A plot of land in Brooklyn, corner of MONTGOMERY and ALBANY AVS. Particulars hereafter. See advertisement. (Signed,) HENRY A. MOTT,

JOHN CHETWOOD,

Executors, &c., of Valentine Mott, deceased, Referees.

JAMES McQUADE, Referee.

DINGEE, PORTER & CO., Auctioneers.

ADJOURNED SALE.—DINGEE, PORTER & CO., Auctioneers, will sell at the Real Estate Exchange, No. 111 Broadway, on TUESDAY, April 7, those valuable lots, with frame house and out-buildings, on 123d and 124th sts., near 7th av.

See diagrams.

AUCTION NOTICE.—FORECLOSURE SALE.—Dingee, Porter & Co., Auctioneers.—Valuable real estate in Twenty-third Ward, will sell on THURSDAY, April 2, at Exchange Sales-room, No. 111 Broadway, those valuable lots and improvements on south-east corner 166th st. and 3d av. Diagrams and particulars at offices of auctioneers, No. 2,308 3d av., and No. 111 Broadway.

H. N. CAMP WILL SELL 2D APRIL, ORDER of Supreme Court, the well-built four-story brown-stone dwelling No. 26 West 49th st.; Columbia College lease; $320 ground rent.

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Apply to F. G. & C. S. BROWN,
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TRUCK GARDENERS.—TO LEASE FAVORably at GARDEN CITY, on Central Railroad of Long Island, eighteen miles distant, farms of fifteen to fifty or more acres each, with suitable buildings. Apply to A. T. STEWART'S AGENT, Broadway and Chambers st., between 12 and 3 o'clock, or to D. S. DENTON, Garden City, adjoining Hempstead Village.

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Ships every fortnightly Saturday thereafter, connecting at Panama with all steamers for Central America, Mexican coast, and South Pacific ports.
Passenger steamers will call at Kingston, Jamaica, both on their outward and homeward trips, arriving at that port on Friday, the sixth day after leaving New-York, and leaving Saturday P. M. for Aspinwall.
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The splendid steamers of this line, carrying United States mails, leave San Francisco for Yokohama, Hong Kong, and Shanghai as follows:
GREAT REPUBLIC.
ALASKA.....April 18
Ten will be brought from San Francisco to New-York, in twenty-eight days, at $40, gold, per ton of 2,000 pounds.
RATES OF PASSAGE.
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New-York to San Francisco, $50, $100 or $110 currency, according to location.
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San Francisco to Yokohama, $150, gold.
San Francisco to Hong Kong, $200, gold.
For freight and passage or other information apply at the Company's office, Pier No. 42 North River, foot of Canal st., New-York.
H. J. BULLAY, Superintendent.
RUFUS HATCH,
Vice President and Managing Director.

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Royal Mail Steamers are appointed to sail as follows:
FOR QUEENSTOWN AND LIVERPOOL.
CITY OF BRUSSELS.....Saturday, April 4, 2 P. M.
CITY OF PARIS.....Saturday, April 11, 1 P. M.
CITY OF MONTREAL.....Saturday, April 18, 2 P. M.
CITY OF RICHMOND.....Saturday, April 25, 1 P. M.
and each succeeding SATURDAY and THURSDAY, from Pier No. 45 North River.
RATES OF PASSAGE.
CABIN, $70, $80, and $90, gold, according to accommodation. Round trip tickets at low rates.
STEERAGE, to Liverpool, Queenstown, Glasgow, Londonderry, London, Bristol, Cardiff, Belfast, Havre, or Hamburg, $30. Prepaid certificates, $25, currency. Passengers are forwarded to Sweden, Norway, Denmark, and Paris, at reduced rates.
Drafts issued at lowest rates.
For Cabin Passage and general business apply at the Company's office, No. 15 Broadway.
For Steerage Passage, at No. 39 Broadway, or Pier No. 45 North River.
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On the outward passage from Queenstown to New-York or Boston, crossing meridian of 50 at 43 latitude, or nothing to the north of 43.
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FROM NEW-YORK.	FROM NEW-YORK.
Java, Wednesday, April 1	China, Saturday, April 25
Cuba, Wednesday, April 8	Calabria, Wed'day, April 29
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Parthia, Saturday, April 18	Scotia, Wednesday, May 6
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And every following WEDNESDAY and SATURDAY from New-York.	

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NEW AND FULL-POWERED STEAM-SHIPS.
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CELTIC.....SATURDAY, April 4, at 3 P. M.
ADRIATIC.....SATURDAY, April 11, 12:30 P. M.
BALTIC.....SATURDAY, April 18, 2 P. M.
OCEANIC.....SATURDAY, April 25, 12:30 P. M.
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CYBELE.....March 11 | VADERLAND.....March 25
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CORNWALL, GIBSON.....Saturday, May 2
Cabin passage, $70 currency; intermediate, $45 currency; steerage, $30 currency. Parties wishing to send for their friends can obtain prepaid certificates. Drafts for £1 and upward. For freight or passage apply to
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No. 70 South st., New-York.

FOR LIVERPOOL.

(VIA QUEENSTOWN.)
CARRYING THE UNITED STATES MAILS.
THE LIVERPOOL AND GREAT WESTERN STEAM COMPANY will dispatch one of their first-class full-power iron screw steam-ships from
PIER NO. 46 NORTH RIVER, EVERY TUESDAY, as follows:
NEVADA, Capt. FORSYTH.....April 7, 9:15 A. M.
IDAHO, Capt. MOORE.....April 21, 9:30 A. M.
WISCONSIN, Capt. FREEMAN.....April 28, 3 P. M.
MINNESOTA, Capt. BEDDOE.....May 5, 3 P. M.
WYOMING, Capt. GUARD.....May 12, 3 P. M.
NEVADA, Capt. FORSYTH.....May 19, 3 P. M.
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NEW-YORK AND HAVANA DIRECT MAIL LINE.

These first-class steam-ships will sail every TUESDAY, at 3 P. M., from Pier No. 13 North River, (foot of Cedar st.,) for Havana direct, as follows:
CRESCENT CITY, Capt. T. S. CURTIS, April 7.
COLUMBUS, Capt. E. C. REED, April 14.
MORRO CASTLE, Capt. THOS. H. MORTON, April 21.
For freight or passage (having magnificent accommodations) apply to
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D. MCKELLAR, Agent in Havana.
March 31, 1873.

FOR ST. THOMAS AND BRAZIL.

THE UNITED STATES AND BRAZIL MAIL STEAM-SHIP COMPANY.
Regular mail steamers SAILING 23D OF EVERY MONTH, making close connections at RIO DE JANEIRO with the English and French Mail Steamships for MONTEVIDEO and BUENOS AYRES.
The splendid steam-ship MERRIMACK, Capt. W. WEBB, will sail from PIER No. 43 NORTH RIVER, on THURSDAY, April 23, at 3 P. M., calling at ST. THOMAS, PARA, PERNAMBUCO, BAHIA, and RIO DE JANEIRO, going and returning.
First cabin passage to St. Thomas, $100; to Para, $150; to Pernambuco, $200; to Bahia, $210, and to Rio de Janeiro, $225, gold. Steerage half price.
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FOR SOUTHAMPTON AND BREMEN.
The steam-ship AMERICA, Capt. R. BUSSING, will sail on WEDNESDAY, April 1, at 2 P. M., from Bremen Pier, foot 3d st., Hoboken, to be followed by the steam-ship HERMANN, Capt. G. REICHMANN, on SATURDAY, April 4.
RATES OF PASSAGE TO LONDON, HAVRE, AND BREMEN, payable in gold or its equivalent in currency:
First cabin.....$120
Second cabin.....72
Steerage.....30
For freight or passage apply to
OELRICHS & CO., Agents, No. 2 Bowling Green.

ANCHOR LINE.

ADDITIONAL SAILINGS.
Commencing 1st April, the steamers of the Anchor line will sail from New-York and Glasgow EVERY ALTERNATE DAY throughout the year.
Tuesday's steamers will proceed via Londonderry.
Thursday's steamers will proceed via Queenstown.
Saturday's steamers direct to and from Glasgow.
Steamers sail from Pier No. 20 North River, foot of
EVERY WEDNESDAY AND SATURDAY.
Passengers booked at lowest rates to and from Glasgow, Londonderry, Londonderry, London, Belfast, Paris, Hamburg, Bremen, &c. Company's office, No. 7 Bowling green, New-York. HENDERSON BROTHERS, Agents.

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are issued to every part of the world. They are printed in English on one side and in the language of the country where used on the other. They are all sold at reductions ranging from ten to forty-five per cent. below ordinary fares. Their holders are not required to travel in large parties. They allow breaks of journey at points of interest on route, which ordinary tickets do not. They can be had with steam-ship tickets or without steam-ship tickets. Cook's tourist tickets are used by seventy-five per cent. of the Americans traveling in Europe. They are available for passengers by any line of steam-ships from America. Cook's next personally conducted party to the south of France, Italy, Switzerland, and the Rhine leaves by the steamer Egypt May 2; price, $650, gold, for ninety-six days' travel and board. "Cook's Excursionist" for April contains fares for over 1,000 tours; is now ready, price ten cents.
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United States passports, indispensable to travelers, issued by J. B. JONES, Passport Agent, No. 91 Duane st., corner Broadway.

STEAMBOATS.

"MERCHANTS' OPPOSITION LINE," FOR Albany and Troy, commencing April 1. The steamer JAMES B. SCHUYLER will leave Pier No. 43, North River, foot of Spring st., every MONDAY, WEDNESDAY, and FRIDAY, 6 P. M.; fare, $1; deck, 50c.; connecting with railroads north and west; returning leave Albany 7 P. M.
J. W. HANCOX, Owner.

RONDOUT AND KINGSTON, LANDING AT Cozzens', Cornwall, Newburg, Mariborough, Milton, Poughkeepsie, and Esopus—The steamer THOMAS CORNELL and JAMES W. BALDWIN leave Harrison st., Pier No. 94 North River, daily, at 4 o'clock P. M.

CITIZENS' LINE FOR TROY—FARE $1.50. (—Elegant steam-boats daily, Saturdays excepted, at 6 P. M. Sundays at 6 P. M. From Pier No. 40 North River, foot Leroy st., connecting with railroads for all points north and west. J. CORNELL, Superintendent.

FOR BRIDGEPORT AND ALL POINTS ON Housatonic and Naugatuck Railroad.—Fare, $1. Steamers leave Catharine-slip at 12 noon.

PEOPLE'S LINE FOR ALBANY.—THE SPLENdid steamers DREW and ST. JOHN leave Pier No. 41, foot Canal st., daily, (Sundays excepted,) at 6 P. M.

NEW-HAVEN, HARTFORD, AND THE NORTH.—Steamers leave Peck-slip for New-Haven at 3:15 and 11 P. M., (except Sundays,) connecting with road.

LOST AND FOUND.

LOST.—PASS-BOOK NO. 33,331, ISSUED BY THE Institution for the Savings of Merchants' Clerks. The finder will please return it to the bank, No. 20 Union place.

RAILROADS.

PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD.

THE GREAT TRUNK LINE AND UNITED STATES MAIL ROUTE.
Trains leave New-York, from foot of Desbrosses and Cortlandt sts., as follows:
Express for Harrisburg, Pittsburg, the West and South, with Pullman palace cars attached, 9:30 A. M., 5 and 8:30 P. M. Sunday, 5 and 8:30 P. M.
For Williamsport, Lock Haven, Corry, and Erie, via Philadelphia and Erie Railroad, 7 P. M. For Williamsport, 9:30 A. M., connecting at Philadelphia.
For Baltimore, Washington, and the South, at 8:40 A. M., 3 and 9 P. M.
Express for Philadelphia, 8:40, 9:30, A. M., 12:30, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8:30, 9 P. M., and 12 night. Sunday 5, 8:10, 8:30, and 9 P. M. Emigrant and second class, 7 P. M.
For Trenton at 7:20 A. M., 2, and 8:10 P. M. Sunday 8:10 P. M.
For Newark at 6, 6:30, 7:20, 7:40, 8, 9, 10, 11 A. M., 12 M., 1, 2, 2:30, 3:10, 3:40, 4:10, 4:30, 5, 5:20, 5:40, 6, 6:10, 6:30, 7, 7:30, 8:10, 10, 11:30 P. M., and 12 night. Sunday 5:20 and 8:10, 10 P. M.
For Elizabeth, 6, 6:30, 7:20, 7:40, 8:10 P. M.
For Rahway, 6, 6:30, 7:20, 8, 10 A. M., 12 M., 1, 2, 2:30, 3:10, 3:40, 4:10, 4:30, 5:20, 5:40, 6, 6:10, 6:30, 8:10, 10 P. M., and 12 night. Sunday 5:20 and 8:10 P. M.
For Woodbridge, Perth Amboy, and South Amboy, 6 and 10 A. M., 2:30, 4:10, and 6 P. M.
For New-Brunswick, 7:20 and 8 A. M., 12 M., 2, 3:10, 4:30, 5:20, 6:10, 7, P. M., and 12 night. Sunday 6:10 P. M.
For East Millstone, 12 noon, 3:10 and 4:30 P. M.
For Lambertville and Flemington, 9:30 A. M. and 4 P. M.
For Philipsburg and Belvidere, 9:30 A. M., 2 and 4 P. M.
Accommodation for Bordentown, Burlington, and Camden, 7:20 and 9:30 A. M., 12:30, 2, 3:10, 4, and 7 P. M.
For Freehold, 7:20 A. M., 2 and 4 P. M.
For Farmingdale and Sea, 7:20 A. M. and 2 P. M.
For Pemberton and Camden, 9 A. M. and 12:30 P. M.
Trains arrive as follows: From Pittsburg, 6:50 A. M., 12:30 and 7:35 P. M., daily; 11:55 A. M. daily, except Monday. From Washington and Baltimore, 6:06 A. M., 5:15 and 10:27 P. M. Sunday 6:05 A. M. and 10:27 P. M. From Philadelphia, 5:10, 6:20, 6:50, 10:15, 11:55 A. M., 2:30, 5:15, 6:05, 8:44, 10:27 P. M. Sunday 5:10, 6:20, 6:50, 11:55 A. M. and 10:27 P. M.
Ticket-offices, Nos. 526, 435, 271, and 944 Broadway, No. 1 Astor House, and foot of Desbrosses and Cortlandt sts. Emigrant Ticket-office, No. 8 Battery place.
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General Manager. D. M. BOYD, JR.,
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ALLENTOWN LINE TO THE WEST.
Passenger and Freight Station in New-York, foot of Liberty st. Connects at Somerville, with South Branch Railroad; at Hampton Junction with Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad; at Phillipsburg with Lehigh and Susquehanna Division; also with Lehigh Valley Railroad. Direct line to Harrisburg, Pittsburg, and the West; also to Central Pennsylvania and New-York State.
WINTER ARRANGEMENT.
Commencing Dec. 1, 1873.—Leave New-York as follows:
5:10 A. M.—News Train for Easton, Bethlehem, Bath, Allentown, Mauch Chunk, Tamaqua, Wilkesbarre, Scranton, &c.
8 A. M.—Way Train for Plainfield.
7 A. M.—Way Train for Flemington, Easton, Belvidere, Mauch Chunk, Wilkesbarre, Pittston, Mahanoy City, Hazleton, Ephrata, Pottsville, Harrisburg, &c.
2:30 P. M.—Way train for Easton, Allentown, and Belvidere.
3:30 P. M.—Way train for Plainfield.
4 P. M.—Way train for Easton, Allentown, and Mauch Chunk. Connects at Junction with Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad.
4:30 P. M.—Way train for Somerville and Flemington.
5:15 P. M.—Way train for Somerville.
5:30 P. M.—Way train for Plainfield.
5:30 P. M.—Evening Express, daily, for Easton, Belvidere, Allentown, Reading, Harrisburg, Pittsburg, Chicago, &c.
6 P. M.—Way train for Somerville.
6:40 P. M.—For Plainfield.
7:30 P. M.—(Emigrant)—For Easton.
9:15 P. M.—Way train for Somerville.
11:45 P. M.—For Plainfield.
For Elizabeth at 5:15, 6, 6:40, 7, 7:30, 8, 8:45, 9, 9:30, 10:30, 11:15 A. M., 12 M., 12:40, 1, 2, 2:30, 3, 3:30, 3:45, 4, 4:15, 4:30, 4:45, 5, 5:15, 5:30, 5:45, 6, 6:20, 6:40, 7:15, 7:30, 8:15, 9:15, 10:30, 11:40 P. M.
R. E. RICKER, Superintendent and Engineer.
H. P. BALDWIN, General Passenger Agent.

NEW-YORK CENTRAL AND HUDSON RIVER RAILROAD.—After Nov. 2, 1873, through trains will leave Grand Central Depot:
9:00 A. M., Chicago and Northern Express, with drawing-room cars through to Rochester and St Albans.
10:30 A. M., special Chicago Express, with drawing-room cars to Rochester, Buffalo, &c.
10:45 A. M., Northern and Western Express.
3:40 P. M., Albany and Troy Express, Saturday only.
4:00 P. M., Montreal Express, with sleeping cars from New-York to St. Albans.
6:00 P. M., Express, daily, with sleeping cars for Watertown and Canandaigua.
8:00 P. M., Pacific Express, daily, with sleeping cars for Rochester, Buffalo, and Niagara Falls; also for Chicago, via both L. S. and M. C. Railroads.
11:00 P. M., Express, with sleeping cars for Troy and Albany. Way trains as per Local Time Table.
C. J. KENDRICK. General Passenger Agent.

NEW-YORK, NEW-HAVEN AND HARTFORD RAILROAD.

After Jan. 1, 1874, trains leave Grand Central Depot (42d st.) for New-Canaan Railroad at 8:05 A. M., 1; 5:05 A. M., Danbury and Norwalk Railroad at 8:05 A. M., 3 and 4:38 P. M.; Naugatuck Railroad at 8:05 A. M., 12 M., and 3 P. M.; Housatonic Railroad at 8:05 A. M. and 3 P. M., Shepaug Railroad at 8:05 A. M. Railroad at 8:05 A. M. and 3 P. M.; New-Haven, Middletown, and Willimantic Railroad at 8:05 A. M. and 3 P. M.; Boston and Albany Railroad at 8:05 and 10 A. M., 3 and 8:10 P. M. (7 P. M. on Sundays.) Boston (via Shore Line) at 1 and 9:10 P. M. (9:10 P. M. on Sundays.)
Way trains as per local time tables.
J. T. MOODY, Superintendent of New-York Division.
E. M. REED, General Superintendent, New-Haven.

SOUTH-SIDE RAILROAD.

NOTICE.
On and after March 2, 1874, trains will leave South 8th st., Brooklyn, as follows, Sundays excepted:
For Patchogue, and intermediate stations, at 9:30 A. M. and 4 P. M.
For Islip, an intermediate stations, at 9:30 A. M., and 4 and 5 P. M.
For Babylon, and intermediate stations, at 9:30 A. M., and 1:30, 4, 5, and 6 P. M.
For Hempstead, and intermediate stations, at 9:30 A. M., and 1:30, 5, 6, and 7 P. M.
For Hempstead, Rockaway, and intermediate stations, at 9:30 A. M., and 4, 5, and 6 P. M.
Sunday trains leave Bushwick for Islip at 9 A. M.
GEO. F. CARMAN, Superintendent.

MEETINGS.

A PUBLIC MEETING

of property-owners and tax-payers interested in the speedy completion of the public works will be held at the

REAL ESTATE EXCHANGE,

No. 111 Broadway, on FRIDAY, the 3d inst., at 12:30 P. M., or as soon thereafter as the public sales shall be completed, to express their views on the present condition of the public works, the danger that threatens them, and the means necessary to secure their more energetic prosecution.

SURROGATE NOTICES.

IN PURSUANCE OF AN ORDER OF ROBERT C. Hutchings, Esq., Surrogate of the County of New-York, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against TIMOTHY G. CHURCHILL, late of the City of New-York, deceased, to present the same with vouchers thereof to the subscribers, at the office of Lee & Alvord, at No. 20 Nassau street, in the City of New-York, on or before the 26th day of September next. Dated, New-York, the 23d day of March, 1874.
ANNA G. CHURCHILL,
E. VIRGINIA CHURCHILL,
HENRY Y. SATTERLEE,
Executors, &c., of Timothy G. Churchill deceased.
LEE & ALVORD, Proctors for Executors.
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IN PURSUANCE OF AN ORDER OF ROBERT C. Hutchings, Esq., Surrogate of the County of New-York, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against AMOS C. HATFIELD, late of the City of New-York, deceased, to present the same with vouchers thereof to the subscribers, at office of Ely Hatfield, No. 344 and 350 Broadway, in the City of New-York, on or before the 15th day of September next.
Dated New-York, the 13th day of March, 1874.
SARAH A. HATFIELD, Executrix.
ELY HATFIELD, BRUNDRETT, } Executors.
THOMAS JONES,
mh25-1aw6mW*

IN PURSUANCE OF AN ORDER OF ROBERT C. Hutchings, Esq., Surrogate of the County of New-York, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against WILLIAM S. ROSS, late of the City of New-York, deceased, to present the same, with vouchers thereof, to the subscriber, at the office of the New-York Gas-light Company, No. 157 Chester street, in the City of New-York, his place of transacting business, on or before the 20th day of June next.—Dated New-York, the 15th day of December, 1873.
d17-1aw6mW* CORNELIUS P. ROSS, Executor.

IN PURSUANCE OF AN ORDER OF ROBERT C. Hutchings, Esq., Surrogate of the County of New-York, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against THOMAS H. FAILE, late of the City of New-York, deceased, to present the same, with vouchers thereof, to the subscriber, at his office, No. 130 Water street, in the City of New-York, on or before the 21st day of April next.—Dated New-York, the 21st day of October, 1873.
THOMAS H. FAILE, Jr.,
CHARLES V. FAILE,
EDMUND PENFOLD,
o22-1aw0mW* Executors.

IN PURSUANCE OF AN ORDER OF ROBERT C. Hutchings, Esq., Surrogate of the County of New-York, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against MARIA ACKERMAN, late of the City of New-York, deceased, to present the same, with vouchers thereof, to the subscriber at his office, No. 20 Warren street, in the City of New-York, on or before the 20th day of August next.—Dated New-York, the 12th day of February, 1874.
GEORGE ACKERMAN,
f18-1aw6mW Executor.

IN PURSUANCE OF AN ORDER OF ROBERT C. Hutchings, Esq., Surrogate of the County of New-York, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against SETH ELY, late of the City of New-York, deceased, to present the same, with vouchers thereof, to the subscribers, at No. 143 Front street, in the City of New-York, on or before the 15th day of May next.—Dated New-York the 29th day of October, 1873.
ADELAIDE S. ELY, Administratrix.
n12-1aw6mW* HENRY C. ELY, Administrator.

HORSES AND CARRIAGES.

ADVERTISEMENTS ARE RECEIVED FOR THE NEW-YORK TIMES
At the Times Up-Town Office,
No. 54½ West 23d st., junction Broadway and 6th av.,
And the Times West-Side Office,
No. 308 West 23d st., corner of 8th av.
NO EXTRA CHARGE WHATEVER.

TO LET—PART OF PRIVATE STABLE NO. 114 West 27th st., from May 1; six stalls and box stall; spacious carriage-room; also, rooms for coachman if desired. For particulars apply to T. S. KINNEY, No. 141 West Broadway.

FOR SALE—A HANDSOME COUPE, MADE BY Brewster & Co., of Broome st.; price, $700. Can be seen at MORRELL'S Storage Warehouse, corner 23d st. and 4th av.

A LARGE ASSORTMENT OF LIGHT Awagons, by our own manufacture, to be sold at barWOOD, corner of 127th st. and 3d av.

A VERY FINE PAIR OF BLACK CARRIAGE Horses for sale; sound; sixteen hands, and weighing about 2,400 pounds. Address QUIDNESSET FARM, East Greenwich, R. I.

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TOP BUGGY FOR SALE.—"GODWIN'S" MAKE; but little used; will be sold cheap for want of use. Inquire at No. 596 6th av., in store.

FOR SALE—LEASE, STOCK, AND FIXTURES OF the Merchants' Stables, 35 and 37 West 29th st.

BROUGHAM HORSE FOR SALE.—APPLY at private stable, No. 1 West 36th st.

BOARDING AND LODGING.

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THE ADVERTISER, ABOUT VACATING VERY fine of parties seeking a good boarding-place. Those looking for a pleasant home in a kind and agreeable family, with good table and at reasonable prices, will do well to apply early at No. 122 East 22d st., near 4th av. Present occupant leaves only to commence housekeeping.

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NO. 56 EAST 9TH ST., FEW DOORS WEST of Broadway.—Reception room with bedroom attached; also, other rooms, newly furnished, for gentlemen; every first-class convenience; breakfast if desired; reference; no moving.

DESIRABLE THIRD STORY SUITE OF apartments to let at Haight House, corner of 5th av. and 15th st., parlor and dining-room on 5th av. front. Furniture for sale; dealers need not apply. Can be seen daily after 12 o'clock.

WE OFFER AT MODERATE PRICES A number of elegantly-furnished rooms, Grand Union Hotel, Park av., and 41st st.; first-class in all its appointments. G. P. & W. D. GARRISON, Managers.

A FINE ALCOVE ROOM TO LET, WITH EXcellent board, in a comfortable house, where there are only a few boarders; references exchanged. No. 122 East 22d st.,

LOCAL MISCELLANY.

ALL FOOLS' DAY.

The absurd customs of All Fools' Day are fast passing away, and although there is but a yearly recurrence of the season, people are prone to tire of follies which are entirely destitute of even the slightest flavor of wit. In England the April-fools making custom has still some standing, but here it dies out apace, and if it has any tangible existence at all, it is among small boys, who adopt such shallow devices to make fools as suits their idea of fun. Where is the advantage of sending your victim on a bootless errand, when it takes all the force of your imagination to conjure up the difficulties that may arise, and which in all probability will never arise at all? If they don't arise, isn't it a case where the would-be joker is himself victimized, in which the smiter is "smitten with the scimeter?" The entire ceremony and its observances are manifest absurdities, but like other absurdities, they go to the respectability of antiquity for a warrant for their existence. Who cares if they belong to a dim past or not, if they are not worth preserving! What satisfaction is it to know that a festival having some kinship to this eminently stupid one, which a few people celebrate on the 1st of April, appeared some time or another in the old Romish Calendar, (only that it was set down for the 1st day of November instead of the 1st day of April,) and that it was called the *Festum Fatuorum*. Then it is held to be a matter of considerable importance that the word *veterum* is found in conjunction with *fatuorum*, to show that it was not merely Fools' Day, but Old Fools' Day. About equally interesting is it to learn that there was in former times an element imparted to it which was supposed to be in ridicule of the Druidic hierarchy, who have, however, been for some time gathered to their fathers, and are of not much account just now. Then, some writers aver that the festival is commemorative of the passion of Christ, and has special reference to the time when our Lord was sent with mockings and indignities from Annas to Caiphas, from Caiphas to Pilate, from Pilate to Herod, and from Herod back to Pilate. But there are others again who contend that it originated with the Romans, that it was one and the same thing with their Quirinalia, which took place about the 19th February, or in their own computation the fifteenth day before the Kalends of March, (not the Greek Kalends, be it observed.) The Saxons had also a claim in originating it, and learned people who have dived into Scandinavian literature find that there were April fools in that quarter of the globe, too. Then the thing exists in Hindostan as well, where they take nearly a week to the intellectual amusement, and it is not merely the Hindoos who observe the festival there, but the Musselmen conquerors of Hindostan, who take their turn at the sport and like it exceedingly. It appears also that the Gaelic tribes amused themselves after their fashion on All Fools' Day, but they were in the habit of meddling in everything. Their Aryan ancestors were, it seems, in some way accountable for their taking kindly to the festival. All these accounts have no doubt a source of great embarrassment, and don't at all settle its origin. It seems to have slipped out of the Roman Calendar, at all events, and it isn't at all certain that the Druids or any of those other ancient people had any call to it. But the uncertainty of its origin and its consequent antiquity, and yet difficult intricacies in which it is involved, must be peculiarly distressing to the small boy who wants his joke, and of course wouldn't have it if he weren't quite satisfied of the antiquity of the custom. Fancy him, sobbing on mother's knee, and conveniently ignoring the past when he successfully lights upon a victim. How doleful would be his "April fool" salutation if it should occur to him just at the moment that he was a mere sacrilegious innovator, and that the custom to which he was endeavoring to give perpetuity was not as old as, and had, in fact, no connection with, the Roman Quirinalia! Would there then be the same self-satisfaction in the young urchin's mind when he meudaciously told some prospective victim that his breeches were unbuttoned, if he did not believe that in the long ago the unfortunate Druids were ridiculed and imposed upon in various ways? Grown people must have some doubts concerning these points, for they have given up the public celebration of the festival, but possibly some of the afternoon papers, the dictionary, encyclopedias are read, and April Day customs still enjoyed.

THE RIVAL GAS COMPANIES.

In Supreme Court, Chambers, yesterday, before Judge Donohue, a motion was argued to perpetuate an existing temporary injunction restraining the Mayor, Controller, and Commissioners of Public Works, who have the awarding of contracts for lighting the City, from completing a contract awarded to the New-York Gas-light Company. Although the suit was instituted in the name of Oscar Zolliceffer, the President of the Metropolitan Gas Company, yet it purported to be brought in his name as a tax-payer, under his right as such, to prevent waste, and not in the interests of his company. It appeared from the papers used and statements made on the motion that the old companies put in bids for the present year to light the City lamps within their respective districts, the Mutual Gas-light Company having the same privilege in all the districts in which their mains ran. In all the districts except that lying between Thirty-fourth and Seventy-ninth streets, and which is within the territory of the Metropolitan Company, the old companies were the lowest bidders; but in that the Mutual Company was the lowest, and to it the contract for that portion was awarded. The accepted bid contained a provision that the Mutual should have "reasonable time" within which to make their connections. The award was made on the 31st of December, but up to the 24th of January no connections had been made, and soon thereafter the present proceeding was commenced.

It is now claimed by the parties moving for an injunction that the provision as to "reasonable time" within which to make the connections was so indefinite as to make the bid void, and leave the City no remedy against the company's bondsmen if it failed to fulfill its contract; that the bids were for an entire year, and the delay of the company in making the connections had made it impossible for it to furnish the supply during the time covered by its bid; that if the court should now permit this contract to be executed it would be in effect a contract covering only twenty-eight months of the year, and not for the entire year; that it was not a question whether the Mutual Company had reduced the price of gas in this City generally, or was the lowest bidder in this instance, but whether the provisions of the statute, which were intended to prevent favoritism on the part of those having the awarding of these contracts, had been complied with, and on the part of plaintiff it was maintained it had not.

On the part of the City, it was contended that it would be impracticable to open awards on the 31st of December, and have the accepted contracts go into operation on the 1st of January; that no company not having the connections already made could literally fulfill its contract beginning with the time covered by its bid; that the authorities had a right to award a contract for any lesser time; that the Mutual Company had reduced the cost of gas to the extent of over thirty per cent, and its bid in the present instance was lowest in like proportion. Judge Donohue took the papers, reserving his decision.

WALL STREET TOPICS.

The stock market was feverish yesterday, but fluctuations were not very great either way. Erie was depressed, and was a downward feature. Union Pacific retained the firmness of the past few days. The reported depression of the London stock market is undoubtedly confined to English railway shares. The statements relative to the Toledo, Wabash and Western Company, which have had a bad effect on the market of late, are entirely erroneous. The company has not defaulted on any of its loans; in fact, no loan is due at this time. Further, there is plenty of money in the treasury of the company, and indebtedness in the sum of $70,000 will be paid in this City to-day by the Deputy Treasurer. The managers of the Pacific Mail Steam-ship Company were engaged yesterday examining proposals for the building of three new steam-ships on the plan heretofore described, and orders will be given for construction of the same immediately. The company purposes to add seven new steam-ships to their line as rapidly as the work of construction can be carried on. The sale of $2,000,000 gold at the Sub-Treasury will take place at noon to-morrow.

A TERRIBLE DEATH.

On Saturday afternoon it came to the knowledge of the Health officers of Brooklyn that a woman was lying dead at a house in North Fifth street, between Eighth and Ninth streets, Brooklyn, E. D. The officers went at once to the house indicated, and after knocking in vain for an entrance forced their way into the building. The house was deserted, and in one of the rooms lay the remains, in a very much decomposed state, of a young woman who had died of small-pox. It has since been learned that the deceased's name was Anne Seabury. She was "an unfortunate," and recently came from Philadelphia, bringing with her three young girls. All the women lead a riotous life, and their residence in the neighborhood was a source of great annoyance to peaceful living in the vicinity. The house was frequented by low politicians, but within the past week no visitors were seen to enter or leave. It was the deserted appearance of the place that first brought the matter to the notice of the authorities. It is supposed that when the woman Seabury was stricken with the terrible disease, her companions became frightened and fled from the house, leaving her to die alone. The unfortunate woman was buried at once, and the house thoroughly disinfected by the health officers, who, however, kept the circumstances of the case concealed until yesterday, when they leaked out.

THE IRISH EMIGRANT SOCIETY.

O'Donovan Rossa has addressed the following letter to the Emigration Commissioners, Castle Garden:

NEW-YORK, March 24, 1874.

To the Commissioners of Emigration, Castle Garden, New-York:

GENTLEMEN: I have to thank you for sending me the report of your commission for 1873. I have read it with interest, and I will now ask you for information on one point that concerns me. During the past few years I have had numerous applications from newly-arrived Irish immigrants for information, advice, aid, &c. They knew my name in Ireland, and heard there was such a society as the Irish Emigrant Society in New-York; they came here and could not find it; they came to me, and I could do no better. I see that you give this same society a representative on your board, and I respectfully ask you where is the society? what is it? and by virtue of what does it take a name that leads my unsuspecting countrymen to think there are friends in America organized to give them a helping or a directing hand? I detest shams, and I long ago made up my mind that this Irish Emigrant Aid Society was a sham upon Irish emigrants, for I have met many emigrants in distress, and I never met one who was helped a penny by it. In fact, I, or any of my friends, do not know where it is, though I have seen it advertised in the *Herald* as one of those charitably-helping societies of the City—so very charitable I suppose, that it is in secret it does all its good work. But yet for all, I believe it is a humbug on the Irish emigrants, and in their interest I speak, I know how imprudent it is for my own interests to say this. I know the "ring" will run me down for interfering with their privileges, but I am maddened at the number of applications from emigrants that is forced upon me, while these people are trading upon a name that misleads many of them. Still, as all things are possible, and as you give such a society a voice in your board, and as that voice is continually calling out for a share in the distribution of your loaves and fishes, it is possible you can tell me I am mistaken, and tell me that there is a bona fide Irish Emigrant Aiding and Advising Society. If you can tell me I will only be two well pleased; I will take back all I have said and make a thousand apologies; but until you can do this I will look upon the thing as a politician money-making "false" pretense," and enjoy the dear, expensive satisfaction of denouncing it.

Gentlemen, I remain yours very sincerely and very respectfully, O'DONOVAN ROSSA.

A CORPSE IN BOND.

A queer discovery was made by Customs officials yesterday in the regular discharge of duties, the publication of which may be of use to somebody. A large heavy box, which had been brought to this port on the steam-ship France, from London, was upon arrival placed in one of the United States bonded warehouses, as usual, to await the regular routine of transfer. The bill of lading which accompanied the shipment was dated London, Feb. 2, 1874, and the merchandise, as it was marked, was consigned to W. L. Rogers, Dixon, Ill. The France arrived about the middle of February, and the box was stored, as described, up to Saturday last, when it was taken to the warehouse on Greenwich street for appraisement of value. The bill of lading, as has been stated, was for one case of merchandise; upon removing the outside covering a pine coffin was revealed, within which was a mahogany casket containing the remains of some one deceased. Whether the shipment was represented to be one of merchandise, in order to prevent feelings of superstition on the part of the sailors of the vessel, or whether for the purpose of avoiding full payment for the transportation of the casket, remains unexplained. In the history of the New-York Customs Office appear many records of similar shipments. One bill of lading was for "one mahogany lot of order," and subsequent investigation showed a coffin inside the box.

READINGS AND RECITATIONS AT THE WORKING MEN'S READING-ROOM.

The working men of the First Ward enjoyed an unusual treat last evening. Miss F. H. Churchill, well known to many of our readers as an elocutionist and reader, delivered at their rooms, No. 135 Greenwich street, some of her finest selections. The audience-room was filled to its utmost capacity, and Miss Churchill's recitations were greeted with the most enthusiastic applause. Miss A. Ring, a musical amateur, presided at the piano, and entertained the company with some excellent selections. Other ladies who were present also kindly contributed toward the musical portion of the programme. Miss Churchill and the ladies who assisted her are deserving of much praise for their willingness to aid in a work such as is being carried on among the working men of the First Ward. The next lecture of the series before the club will be given by Rev. J. Clement French, of Brooklyn, on the 14th of April.

DESPERATE SUICIDE.

Charles Franz, residing at No. 92 Wallace street, Newark, N. J., committed suicide Monday night, by hanging himself, while laboring under an attack of temporary insanity. Deceased exhibited signs of mental aberration at intervals for nearly a year past, and he has been watched very closely by his family, who feared that he would make an attempt upon his own life. Monday night, during the absence of the other members of the family, he procured a clothes line from the yard, and after locking all the doors in the house proceeded to the cellar and fastened one end of the line to a beam. He then stood on a box, and putting the other end of the rope, which he had formed into a running noose, around his neck, kicked the box away. When his son and daughter returned home the former gained an entrance to the house through a window, and found his father's lifeless body hanging in the cellar. Deceased was fifty years of age. County Physician Dodd was notified.

MEASURES FOR RELIEF OF THE INDUSTRIAL CLASSES.

A public meeting of the citizens of the Fifth Congressional District was held last evening, at East Broadway and Canal street, John Hecker presiding. The object of the meeting was to propose measures for the relief of the industrial classes, by presenting a petition to Congress. Col. John Cunningham addressed the audience in support of the resolutions presented, requesting Congress to increase the taxation upon property, so as to diminish the public debt, and favoring the substitution of National Treasury notes for the national bank notes, and also recommending a tax upon national bonds and upon the public lands given to railroad companies. A memorial was then adopted in accordance with the resolutions, which will be laid before Congress, and steps will be taken to have a similar petition adopted in other districts. The meeting then adjourned.

THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS.

The published intention of Commissioner Van Nort to vacate his office on the 1st of May resulted yesterday in the absence of a crowd of men who have daily gathered in front of his chamber for the purpose of obtaining employment. Mr. Van Nort was engaged at his desk in winding up his business, and in receiving some personal friends. His promised communication, which is to contain reasons for his resignation, will not be ready for some time. It will, it is said, be preceded by a letter to the Mayor, tendering his resignation of the office. The number of men employed by the Department of Public Works is said to be over 2,000, and this force is generally increased in the Spring and Summer no to 3,500. This large amount of patronage will help to swell the list of candidates for Mr. Van Nort's position, from which the Mayor will be called upon to select a name. No aspirants for the place have yet come to the front.

CITY AND COUNTY TREASURY.

Controller Green reports the following disbursements and receipts of the Treasury yesterday: Claims paid—Number of warrants 18, amounting to $635,602 57. Pay-rolls—Number of warrants 925, amounting to $92,638 75. Total number of warrants 943, amounting to $728,241 32. Receipts—From taxes of 1873 and interest, $19,078 72; arrears of taxes, assessments, and interest, 38,718 36; collection of assessments and interest, $2,829 99; market rents, $48 50; water rents, $441 65; licenses, Mayor's Office, $60 75; Department of Public Parks, rents, &c., $11; Department of Docks, rents, &c., $21, 796 28; Health Department, fines, &c., $569 57; fees and fines, District Courts, $98; total, $83,652 82. The Controller paid yesterday, through Paymaster Fall, laborers on boulevards, &c., to 20th inst., amounting to $43,917 29.

THE CHARITY BENEFITS.

At a meeting of the managers of the various theatres at which performances for charitable purposes were given on Thursday, 26th March, held at the Union Square Theatre yesterday, it was resolved that from the fund realized the following sums be appropriated to the charities named: St. John's Guild, $5,000; Womens' Educational and Industrial Society, $3,000, Ladies' Union Relief Society, $2,000; New-York Association for Improving the Condition of the Poor, $1,500; Society of St. Vincent de Paul, $1,500; indigent members of the dramatic profession, through the agency of the Dramatic Fund, $2,500, and the Treasurer of the fund was directed to pay over the sums without delay. A meeting will be held at the same place to-morrow to dispose of the balonce of the fund, $11,500.

A WOMAN DECAPITATED.

A woman, whose name has not been ascertained, was crossing the Morris and Essex Railroad track at the foot of Garden street, Hoboken, N. J., yesterday afternoon, when her clothing was caught by a passing engine, and she was thrown back over the track. The train passed directly over her neck, completely severing her head from her body. Her remains were taken in charge by Coroner Parslow, and County Physician Buck was notified.

RAPID TRANSIT.

THE VANDERBILT AND THIRD AVENUE BILLS.

Below will be found the principal provisions of the acts now pending in the Legislature, and known respectively as the Vanderbilt and Third Avenue bills:

THE VANDERBILT BILL.

The provisions of the bill empower the New-York and Harlem Railroad Company to construct an elevated railroad, with double tracks and an adequate structure therefor, above the street roadway. Commencing at Park row, the route taken will be through the streets at present traversed by the Fourth avenue horse cars, to a point between Twenty-second and Thirty-fourth streets, where it will descend from its elevation, and pass through the cut and tunnel now used by the horse railroad of the company. Ascending from the tunnel near Fortieth street, it will pass over and across Forty-second street, east of the Grand Central Depot, along Fourth avenue, to connect with the tracks of the company, near Forty-fifth street. Should it be found advisable to carry the road over Forty-second street, it may be extended under the street into the Grand Central Depot, with a branch under Fourth avenue, along the easterly side to connect with the tracks in the Fourth avenue improvement in Fourth avenue, north of the depot, so as to enable cars that may be run over the elevated railroad to be run over the tracks of the company, now operated by lease to the New-York Central and Hudson River Railroad Company, in the so-called Fourth avenue Improvement, with the right to operate a branch from a convenient point in Park row, to and through Beekman street, as extended across the City Hall Park to the east line of Broadway. Whenever the company shall deem it expedient to do so, it may, by the provision of the bill, construct a branch road from some convenient point to the New-York and Brooklyn bridge, and cross the bridge, upon such terms as the company owning the bridge may accept. The company is permitted to occupy a space not more than fifty feet wide along the streets and avennes traversed, and may make all necessary connections, approaches, and stations required, and is empowered to purchase such ground as may be deemed necessary for making such curves and branches. The tracks of the line are to be supported by two or more tiers of wrought-iron columns, anchored in stone foundations, placed parallel with the street, and occupying a space along the centre about eighteen feet in width, so arranged that there may be room for the tracks of the horse railroads now occupying any of the streets to be traversed by the line. If the company cannot agree with the owners for the purchase of such real estate as it may need in the construction of the line, it may acquire the title in the manner provided in the act entitled, "An act to authorize the formation of railroad corporations," passed April 2, 1850. But whenever it shall be necessary to use any public grounds or parks, no compensation shall be demanded or awarded for the same; but, in all cases, it shall be considered for public use consistent with the uses for which the Mayor and Commonalty of the City hold them. Proper care shall be used in the construction, and the greatest convenience to the public regarded. The engines, cars, and equipments shall be of the most approved models, and to the greatest degree secure safety, and entirely consume or condense the escape of gasses and steam. The Municipal authorities of the City are prohibited from giving permission to any other parties "to do any of the acts hereinauthorized," but are commanded so far as is practicable, to assist the company in carrying out the provisions of the act. The company is authorized to convey passengers and freight in cars propelled by steam or other power over the line for compensation, and to collect a fare not exceeding six cents for transporting one person the whole length of the line, or any shorter distance. The work shall commence as soon as practicable after the passage of the act, and shall have two years after commencing work for its completion, necessary and unavoidable delays excepted. In constructing the line the company is empowered to change the present location of the horse railroad tracks in any of the streets over which the line is to be constructed, such change to be made at the expense of the company; also to change the route of the horse railroads now operated by the company, except on Broadway street, so as to run them over Murray Hill, through Park avenue, providing such change does not affect the inclosed spaces now existing in the centre of Park avenue. The company is further authorized to issue $3,000,000 in amount of capital stock, to be designated "special stock," which stock shall not be entitled to all the benefits of the present capital stock of the company, except to receive payment from the New-York Central and Hudson River Railroad Company. If the Third Avenue Quick Transit Company shall be authorized to construct an elevated railroad from near the corner of Ann street and Broadway, through Park row, and shall, within three months after the passage of this act, give notice to the New-York and Harlem Railroad Company that they desire to construct in Park row, in common with the structures shall be built in common, sharing the expense as agreed upon between them. Within sixty days after the passage of this act the New-York and Harlem Railroad Company shall execute their corporate bond to the Mayor and Commonalty of New-York, conditioned for the payment of $100,000 to the City in case the railroad shall not be in operation within two years and six months from the passage of the act. The act to take effect immediately.

THE THIRD AVENUE BILL.

Under the provisions of the bill to incorporate the "Third Avenue Quick Transit Company," Robert Squires, William Remsen, Henry R. Remsen, Henry Hart, Maltby G. Lane, John B. Hobby, William J. Valentine, Silvanus S. Riker, Sylvester R. Comstock, Jonathan Thorne, James Boorman Johnston, Thurlow Weed, their associates or assigns, are created a body corporate. The capital stock of said corporation shall be $6,000,000, divided into 60,000 shares of $100 each, the capital to be increased from time to time by a two-thirds vote of the stockholders to an amount not exceeding $15,000,000. The principal office of the company shall be in this City, and its business managed by a board of not less than seven Directors, to be elected within thirty days of the passage of the act by the corporators. After the first election, the Directors shall be elected annually by the stockholders of the company. Each stockholder shall be entitled to one vote for each share of stock held by him, and due notice of the election be announced in two of the daily papers published in this City. The corporation is authorized to construct and operate an elevated railroad, with double-track railways and adequate structure therefor, above the street roadway, commencing at a point near the corner of Ann street and Broadway, thence along the route at present traversed by the Third Avenue Horse Railroad Company, to the Harlem River, with the right to construct a branch road from a convenient point in Park row, through Beekman street, as extended across the City Hall Park, to the east line of Broadway. The structure for maintaining the tracks shall be sustained by two or more tiers of iron columns, placed about the centre of the streets, occupying a space of about eighteen feet in width, so arranged as to permit between the two columns the tracks of the horse-railroads now occupying the avenues. The tracks shall be placed at such an elevation, as will secure the free passage beneath of the ordinary street-traffic. The company shall have the right to acquire the title of such real estate as may be necessary to enable it to construct the road, and erect the necessary buildings, and in case of inability to agree with the owner for the purchase of requisite lands, shall have power to obtain them under the railroad act passed April 2, 1850. The engines, cars, &c., shall be of the most approved models, and such as shall in the greatest degree secure safety and diminish annoyance from the escape of steam, or gases. The corporation is authorized to carry passengers and freight in cars propelled by steam or other power for compensation, and to receive a fare of not over fifteen cents for transporting one person the whole length of the road, or ten cents for any lesser distance. The corporation may also attach pneumatic tubes to their structures for the transmission of small packages, and charge a fair compensation for their use. The corporation shall commence operations within one month after the passage of the act, and shall have three years after beginning operations to complete the line, and may in addition to funding stock, issue mortgage bonds, the interest and principal of which shall be determined at such time and places in this City as the Board of Directors shall determine, to an amount not exceeding the capital stock of the corporation actually subscribed and paid in good faith. If the New-York and Harlem Railroad Company shall be authorized to construct an elevated railroad from near the corner of Ann street and Broadway, through Park row, and shall at any time within three months after passage of this act, give notice to the corporation that they desire to construct their road in Park row, in common with the line authorized in this act, such structures shall be built in common by the two corporations. Within sixty days after passage of this act, the corporation shall execute and deliver to the Controller of this City their corporate bond, conditioned, for the payment of $100,000, in case the railroad shall not be in operation within three years and six months from the passage of this act. This act to take effect immediately.

THE JERSEY CITY DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION.

The Democrats of Jersey City held their convention, for the nomination of a candidate for Mayor, in McPherson Hall, Jersey City Heights, yesterday afternoon. John Garrick was chosen permanent Chairman, and three Secretaries were selected. On the call for nominations, the names of Henry Traphagen, Sidney B. Bevans, Edward P. Haslam, and John Brinkerhoff were named as candidates. Mr. Traphagen received the nomination on the first ballot. The vote stood 38 for Traphagen, 23 for Bevans, 7 for Haslam, and 2 for Brinkerhoff. When Mr. Traphagen received his thirty-fifth vote, and while the roll was still being called, Hon. Orestes Cleveland, delegate from the Sixth District, moved that the nomination be made unanimous, which was done amid much enthusiasm. Being invited to the hall, Mr. Traphagen soon made his appearance, and in a neat speech, in which he pledged himself to work in the best interests of the people, accepted the nomination. The convention then adjourned.

ANNUAL COMMENCEMENT OF THE COLLEGE OF PHARMACY.

The forty-fourth annual commencement of the College of Pharmacy of the City of New-York was celebrated last evening at Association Hall in the presence of a very large assemblage, comprising friends of the graduates and the institution, a fair proportion of the medical profession, and a large representation of the general public. Grafulla's Band discoursed a choice selection of music during the evening. Mr. Paul Balluff, the President of the institution, occupied the chair. In the address of welcome, the President congratulated the graduates an the successful termination of their studies and his pleasure at receiving them into the fraternity of pharmacists. The College of Pharmacy was now obtaining general recognition in this City, after years of earnest endeavor on behalf of its supporters. In this great City of New-York, where all sciences and arts were perpetually improving, it was gratifying to them to know that the science of pharmacy was keeping pace with the times, and had emerged from the obscurity in which it was plunged in past years. Heretofore, the study of pharmacy was unknown and unsought. It was not recognized as having any defined connection with the medical profession, but to protect the public from ignorance and imposture, attention was directed to it. It speedily found protection by legal enactments, and since that time it has occupied an independent position in the community, working as an independent branch of public hygiene, and obtaining for the college a large share of confidence and regard. It was now successfully engaged in the work of educating and training competent dispensers of medicine. The college numbered 2,500 members and 4 professions; 148 students attended lectures last season, of whom 34 graduated. The college rooms were situated in the upper portion of the old University building, but they found them wholly inadequate for the requirements of a City with over a million inhabitants. To do justice to the wants of such a community the college should include large lecture-rooms, a laboratory, and a model pharmacy, and this was their hope for the future. How near its realization they were it would be difficult to tell, for the druggists were not remarkable for the possession of great wealth. The question whether it would not be proper to invoke the aid of the State or City remained an open one, with which he would not at present deal. Meanwhile the public might rest assured that the college would supply educated young pharmacists yearly, and thus do away with the evils which formerly accrued from the ignorance of so-called pharmacists. [Applause.]

The following graduates then received their diplomas:

Nolton G. Ashley, Alexander Beck, Joseph R. Bond, Adolph Boyken, Louis E. Braun, John S. Bross, Louis F. Buchhop, Richard B. Casebeer, Max Clausius, Louis S. Cohen, J. W. Dougan, H. Adolph Engle, Clemens L. Fachmann, Sidney Faber, John Ferrier, William H. Griffith, I. M. Hussa, Ribhard Kuehne, C. Axel F. Lagerstedt, Gottlieb Meier, Charles Mitzenius, Frederick C. Nadler, Henry M. O'Neil, Charles Perez, Alfred Sachse, Y. L. Townsend, C. Ernst Vetter, Bernhard Wendler, Gustav F. Werner, Robert G. Weyh, Frederick Wichelns, John L. Yatman, George Zellhoefer, Robert G. L. Zoeller.

The prizes for best examinations were awarded to Richard Kuehne, Bernhard Wendler, and Gustav F. Werner, and the prizes consisted of $100, $75, and $50, which were given to the graduates in the order named.

The valedictory address on the part of the college was delivered by Prof. F. W. Bedford. In the course of his remarks he said that the first student of pharmacy in this City graduated it 1831, and since that period the institution was supported entirely by the contributions of its graduates, without any outside aid. The attendance was yearly increasing, and in the past season sixteen States of the Union, some of the countries of Central America, and Japan were represented at their lectures. The difficulties under which the art of pharmacy labored were, happily, disposed of a few years since by sensible legislation, without employing any of the members of the Third House at Albany. [Applause.] Two years ago the graduating class numbered only seven; to-night it numbered thirty-four, and he expected a proportional increase every year. Referring to the profession of pharmacy, he said that it was one of the most important in the community, and, in a great measure, the practice of medicine depended upon its votaries. Too many would, unhappily, regarded the profession as one solely for the accumulation of wealth to the extinction of greater considerations. While much they had to sympathy, and one of the best advices he could give would be to avoid all short cuts to wealth as dangerous in the extreme, and those who suggested them were no friends. He gave them a few homely but wholesome hints with regard to the shaping of their professional conduct, counseling prudence, kindness, courtesy to all, but beyond everything honesty in their business. He bid them a cordial God-speed in behalf of the college.

Mr. Robert G. Weyh delivered the valedictory in behalf of the graduating class. His remarks were extremely brief, and he simply acknowledged with a grateful heart the obligations of the class to the Faculty. Whatever may be their lot in life, he was satisfied that the college had done everything to promote their education and fit them for an honorable position in the profession. He concluded by presenting to the college, on behalf of the graduates, a beautiful oil-painting of Prof. E. R. Squibb.

The presentation was appropriately acknowledged and the proceedings terminated.

LABOR TROUBLES.

Yesterday two of the original strikers at the east end of the new Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad tunnel, New-Jersey, announced their intention of resuming work. Some of their companions remonstrated with them at first, and then threatened violence if they should persist in their determination. The discussion waxed warm and exciting, and one of the men was so much terrified by the threats that he backed entirely down from the position he had taken. The other, however, whose name was James McCalley, declared that he would not be intimidated nor refrain from working much longer. One of the gang finally attacked him, and as soon as he struck the first blow the others set upon the unfortunate man and beat him in a shameful manner. McCalley knows the names of all his assailants, and will procure warrants for their arrests.

SNEAK THIEVES AT WORK.

John English, alias Albert Fuller, and his friend, Thomas Biglin, alias Bigley, were arraigned before Justice Sherwood, at Jefferson Market Police Court, yesterday, on suspicion of being the sneak thieves who entered the premises of Henry Schaffer, of No. 265 West Thirty-fifth street, on the evening of the 24th inst. Clothing and other property worth over $800 were stolen on the occasion. Mrs. Schaffer, who met the thieves on the stair-case, fully identified English as being one of the party. He was committed in default of $1,000 bail, and Biglin was remanded to await further investigation.

CALLENDER'S BAIL.

Charles Callender, the Ex-Bank Examiner, spent yesterday in the United States Marshal's office impatiently awaiting the arrival of some of his old friends to go bail for his appearance at his next trial. At 3 o'clock P. M. John Boylan, a military clothing merchant doing business at No. 139 Grand street, appeared and justified in the sum of $10,000. There was another long wait for a second real estate owner to do likewise. Finally, at 5:30 P. M., Commissioner Shields, who was to take the bonds, went home, and Callender settled down for another night in the custody of the Marshal.

CORONER REINHARDT ARRESTED.

At about 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon, Coroner Jacob Reinhardt, of Jersey City, was arrested on complaint of County Physician Buck, who charges him with having been guilty of an open violation of the law in the seizure of the body of Wm. Day, at the Jersey City Morgue, on Sunday last. He was taken before Justice Keese, and placed under bonds to appear before the Grand Jury. The technical charge preferred against him is of inciting riot and malfeasance in office. The amount of bail was fixed at $3,000.

A TEXAS CATTLE FARMER.

The correspondence of the Baltimore *American* gives the following, relative to the "Cattle Kings" of Texas: "Capt. King has an inclosed pasture of 70,000 acres, though he owns 150,000 acres of land in Nueces and Duval Counties. The entire stock held by him at the present time is 50,000 head of cattle, 20,000 head of sheep, and 10,000 head of horses. He overstocked his inclosed pasture to such an extent last Fall that he was compelled to turn a great many out on the range again, although he sent 4,000 head to Kansas and slaughtered 4,000 head more for their hides and tallow. He disposes annually of about 8,000 head of cattle, either by sale or slaughter, notwithstanding which his stock is always steadily on the increase. He has recently purchased another ranch in Cameron County, on which he has 10,000 head more of cattle, and attached to which is about 10,000 acres of land. He is making extensive experiments in the improvement of the stock of the State, having imported a great many head of the finest Kentucky cattle to intermix with the native grades."

BEQUESTS IN PHILADELPHIA.

The late St. George Tucker Campbell, of Philadelphia, who died worth $500,000, left $9,000 to various charitable institutions in that city, the following receiving $1,000 each: The Pennsylvania Hospital, the Pennsylvania Hospital for the Insane, the Protestant Episcopal Hospital, the St. Mary's Hospital, the St. Joseph's Hospital, the German Hospital, the Jewish Hospital, the Philadelphia Orthopædic Hospital, and the Presbyterian Hospital.

CITY AND SUBURBAN NEWS.

NEW-YORK.

Baron Bartholdi, the new French Minister, left this City yesterday for Washington.

The Carolina Singers will give an entertainment at Association Hall to-morrow evening.

The monthly meeting of the Importers' and Grocers' Board of Trade of this City will take place to-day at 2:30 o'clock P. M.

At 6 o'clock yesterday morning a fire occurred on the second floor of No. 175 Greene street, occupied by Ida Thompson. Damage, $500.

The regular monthly meeting of the New-York Chamber of Commerce will be held at the Chamber to-morrow at 2:30 o'clock P. M.

The assessments for opening and extending Lexington avenue from One Hundred and Second street to the Harlem River amount to $542,312 50, upon 5,070 lots.

Hon. Wm. M. Evarts has accepted the invitation of the Dartmouth Alumni Association, to deliver a eulogy on Chief Justice Chase at the next commencement.

James Farrell, of No. 17 Cherry street, was held for trial at the Tombs yesterday for stealing a gold watch, value $100, from James Clarke, of No. 116 Madison street.

The Security Savings Bank, corner of Thirty-fourth street and Third avenue, has no connection with the Security Bank, Broadway, the affairs of which are about to be wound up.

The agents of the Pacific Mail Steam-ship Company here have received the following despatch from Kingston, Jamaica: "The Acapulco sailed from this port for New-York at 5 P. M., on the 26th instant."

John Antoni, a Portuguese, residing with his wife and family at No. 348 East Fortieth street, fell from the scaffolding of the new church, Fifty-fifth street and Fifth avenue, yesterday, and was almost instantly killed.

The President of the National Currency Bank states that the amount of Callender's loan from that bank was less than $4,000, not $21,000, as stated in the report of the trial. The bank held satisfactory security for the loan.

John Bunsing, a German, died suddenly at his residence, No. 246 Avenue A, yesterday. Before dying he said he had taken sulphur while at his wife's grave in Green-Wood Cemetery. Coroner Woltman will hold an inquest.

No foreign mails were received at the New-York Post Office yesterday. The Wyoming, for Liverpool, conveyed 28,039 letters and 60 bags of newspapers, and the Morro Castle, for Havana, carried 3,750 letters and 3 bags of papers.

Martin Ahearn, aged sixteen, of No. 515 Tenth avenue, while driving through Henry street, yesterday morning, was shot in the forehead and slightly wounded by some unknown person. He was attended by Police Surgeon Place, and taken home.

Meetings were held by the German saloon-keepers yesterday, in the Sixth, Seventh, Eighth, Ninth, Twelfth, and Seventeenth Wards, to complete their newly-formed protective organizations, and to enroll additional names for membership.

A post-mortem made by Deputy Coroner Leo yesterday in the case of Mrs. Amelia Riley, of No. 114 Varick street, showed that the woman's death resulted from natural causes and not from an overdose of morphine, as was alleged by her husband.

The Rollwagen will case was yesterday summed up by Mr. Henry L. Clinton in behalf of the contestants. He occupied the entire day and left part of his argument for this evening. Mr. Henry Arnoux will then follow for the proponents.

Superintendent Devoe has begun to take the numbers of the street vendors who obstruct the neighborhood of the markets with their wagons, and will report them to the Mayor's Marshal, that the licenses of those who persist in the practice may be revoked.

The German Republican Association of the Second Assembly District, Phillip Befz presiding, held a meeting at No. 8 Duane street last night, when action was taken to participate in the projected German demonstration against the course of the Emigration Commissioners.

The Board of Police yesterday received a communication from Commissioner Van Nort, requesting that the Street-cleaning Department be requested to remove the dirt caused by the paving and repaving of streets. The matter was referred to the Committee on Street-cleaning.

Emil L. Blum, a bankrupt, who was charged before United States Commissioner Osborne with having concealed some of his assets to prevent them coming into the hands of his creditors, was honorably discharged, the evidence showing that the property was not his.

The German Cabinet-makers' Union held meeting at the Teutonia Assembly Rooms last night, and indorsed the action of the Trades union committee, organized to proceed against the Police Commissioners, on account of their interference with the working men on Tompkins square, last January.

It is stated that the Mayor's private Secretary has been driven to ordering the printing of a card to be hung over his desk which will bear the following legend: "No more questions answered in this office that allude to the expected resignation of Commissioner Van Nort or the publication of the last report of the Commissioners of Accounts."

Dr. John G. Adams will deliver his second lecture to-morrow evening at the church, corner Fourth avenue and Twenty-second street, at 8 o'clock. In treating the subject of the lecture, "The Life and Services of the late Dr. Alex. H. Stevens," Dr. Adams will give an account of the tying of the subclavian artery for the first time in this country.

Head winds and rough, stormy weather have kept back foreign steamers en route to this port, and the following-named steamers are having long passages: Steam-ship Hansa, from Bremen, out fifteen days from Southampton; City of Brussels, from Liverpool, twelve days; Celtic, from Liverpool, fifteen days out; Nevada, from Liverpool, fifteen days out.

The New-York Methodist Conference will meet on the 8th of this month in St. John's Methodist Church in Fifty-third street. Rev. A. J. Hunt will deliver the opening sermon. This conference was organized eighty-four years ago, and during that period 134 members have died. The New-York East Conference will assemble in Simpson Church, on Clermont avenue, Brooklyn, on the 8th instant.

The New-York Cotton Exchange will hold a meeting to-morrow, to consider the expediency of closing the Exchange from Thursday over to Monday next, on account of Good Friday. A petition to the Legislature to enact a law forbidding the drinking of intoxicating liquors on premises where the same may be sold, was submitted to the members of the Exchange for signature to-day. There were few signers.

The New-York Pilot Commissioners, at a meeting yesterday, decided that the board has no jurisdiction over night scavengers who dump refuse in the rivers. The matter was referred to the Dock Commissioners. The Pilot Commissioners are preparing a memorial to Congress, urging an appropriation of $600,000 for the prosecution of the work in the East River under the direction of Gen. Newton, and an appropriation of $170,000 for the work in the Hudson River. The memorial will be extensively circulated for signatures before presentation to Congress.

The New-York Produce Exchange will hold a meeting at 1:30 P. M. to-day, to consider the question of closing the Exchange on Good Friday this week. The printed rules regulating the naval store trade among members of the Exchange may be obtained at the Secretary's desk. The rules were adopted Feb. 7, 1874, and are to go into effect April 15, inst. A meeting of all the grain receivers of the Exchange is called for Saturday next at 10 o'clock A. M., to consider the application of the rules relative to the gr